



## **Important Information and Dates for 7<sup>th</sup> Graders and their Parents**

***The St. Patrick's Community is called to be like Jesus; and as Mark wrote "for the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:35)***

Confirmation preparation in the Omaha Archdiocese is a two-year preparation process and typically begins in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Our parish community partners with parents in the formation of their children and asks that parents support and encourage their child as they begin this preparation journey.

Each 7<sup>th</sup> grader and their family is asked to complete a family service experience. This family service experience should be a minimum of two hours. 7<sup>th</sup> graders are asked to reflect on this service experience and submit their reflection to the Office of Religious Formation. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade service experiences should be completed by April 1, 2019. To be eligible for the start of the year two of Confirmation preparation, candidates must complete the service experience and the accompanying service reflection piece.

To check out family friendly service experiences being offered through our parish, click on the following link: <http://www.stpatselkhorn.org/human-needs-committee.html> Our Human Needs Committee coordinates family friendly service experiences monthly. Families are not limited to these offerings and may have ties to an agency that they wish to serve at.

In addition to participating in a family service experience, 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are asked to attend two reflections. The dates and times for these reflections are included below. **Thank you for marking your calendar and letting coaches and instructors know in advance the importance of sacrament preparation for your child.**

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Candidate Reflection Dates**

**October 24, 2018**                      **7:30 to 8:45 p.m. (GYM)**

**April 24, 2019**                      **7:30 to 8:45 p.m. (Church)**

At least one parent should plan to attend these evenings of reflection.

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