

## St. Mary Confirmation Program 2015-2016

### Expectations:

- Confirmation Sponsor Form filled-out by the sponsor by: Monday, January 4, 2016
- Complete four Service Projects and submit Review Form (options are listed below)
- Attend the required retreats throughout the year (see below)
- Attend the Sponsor/Confirmandi Retreat with your sponsor Saturday, April 9, 2016
- One page Confirmation Saint Name Report
- Regular attendance at Sunday Mass and ten Mass reflections
- Typed letter to Fr. Russell explaining why you want to be confirmed. Must be at least one paragraph in length.
- Must have completed Religious Ed or Catholic school the previous year.
- Regular attendance at RE. Cannot miss more than 3 classes during the school year or will be dropped from the Confirmation program. Catholic school fulfills this requirement by attending school on a regular basis.

All paperwork must be turned in to Annalisa McMaster or Mrs. Dobie by Friday, April 8, 2016

### Retreat Options Available (you must pick 1 retreat but you may attend both)

- Rockford Diocese Youth - Summit Sunday, October 25, 2015
- Here I am Lord - Saturday, March 3, 2016

Service projects will revolve around the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These are what we are called to do as Catholics. This experience will give students exposure in a variety of areas.

Service project options will be made available on [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). Use: [annalisam@stmarydekalb.org](mailto:annalisam@stmarydekalb.org) to view the upcoming projects. Below is a list. The dates, times, locations and instructions will be added to SignUpGenius.com. Some events will have limited space so be sure to sign up early!

### CATECHISM #2447

**Corporal Works of Mercy**– Feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned and bury the dead.

**Spiritual Works of Mercy**- Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently.

Giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity; it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.

**Feed the hungry:** Feed 'Em Soup, St. Vincent dePaul food pantry, Feed My Starving Children

**Sheltering the homeless:** Prepare a meal for Hope Haven

**Clothe the naked:** St. Vincent dePaul clothing drive

**Visit the sick and imprisoned:** Nursing home visits

**Bury the dead:** Prep cemetery for winter

**Alms giving:** Decorate & clean church for upcoming holidays, assist RE students with Christmas crafts

**Spiritual Works of Mercy:** Pray at the Aurora abortion clinic, Prayer service in the church for the unborn on anniversary of Roe v. Wade