

# 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

*"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created and You shall renew the face of the earth."*

**Knowledge:** This gift will help me know what God's will is for my life. I will begin to see what is of God and what is not.

**To know God's will**

## How will Knowledge help me?

*Knowledge will help me to "know more about" God and to figure out what His will is. It will help me know what to do in a difficult situation. I will begin to see how God is with me all the time and has a great plan for me!*



**Understanding:** Understanding helps me to begin to comprehend the deep meaning of supernatural

truths such as the Mass, Eucharist, and the Sacraments. Understanding helps me to appreciate, love and live my faith.

## How will Understanding help me?

*I will begin to understand difficult things like the Mass, Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist, and the Sacraments. Understanding will help me to draw closer to God because I will begin to truly believe in God's love for me.*

**Wisdom:** Wisdom helps me to understand things from God's point of view. Wisdom gives us power to apply our knowledge of God's will in our daily situations and struggles.

**To see myself, others & the world with GOD'S EYES**

## How will Wisdom help me?

*I will start to see things from God's point of view. I will use prayer to influence my daily choices. Wisdom will draw me into a closer relationship with God.*

**Counsel:** When asked, the Holy Spirit will direct, guide, and counsel us on the right thing to do in every circumstance.

**How will Counsel help me?**

**To CHOOSE what is right & just**

When I do not know what to do, I can ask for this gift of Counsel so I can make the decision God would want me to make. It will help me to know what would Jesus do (WWJD).

**Courage:** This gift brings the tremendous strength and bravery from the Holy Spirit Himself so that I will be able to do what God is asking me to do.

**How will Courage help me?**

**To DO what is right, even when it's hard**

When I hit obstacles in life, courage or "fortitude" can give me tremendous "Holy Spirit strength," which is so far beyond human strength. Fortitude will help me to stand up for what I believe in and not cave in to peer-pressure.

**Piety:** This gift will make my relationship with God become stronger and help me grow in holiness. As I begin to trust God more, my relationship with Him will grow into a close friendship.

**To STRIVE for holiness & closeness with God**

**How will Piety help me?**

Piety will help me to trust God more. It will help me have a better friendship with Him. Piety will help me to see other people as my brothers and sisters in God's family. This will help me to be willing to sacrifice for others and to pray for them.

**Wonder & Awe of God:** This gift is a deep appreciation of God's might over sin and love of us. We gain dissatisfaction with sin because we love God so much that we never want to do anything to hurt or displease Him.

Wonder & Awe of God or "Fear of the Lord" is not being afraid of God; it is a fear of sin.

**To RESPECT reverently the AWESOMENESS of God**

**How will Wonder & Awe help me?**

When I'm in a tough position at school or at home, if my desire to please God is the strongest influence in my life, then I will choose the kind and loving way. This gift will help me to stay on the pathway to heaven.



# Discussion Questions



## Knowledge: To know God's will

- ★ What is the motion for this gift? What does it mean?
- ★ When was a time you asked God for guidance on a big decision?
- ★ When in your life will you need God to help you make decisions?
- ★ How can we get more knowledge of God's will?

## Understanding: To APPRECIATE the truths of my faith

- ★ What is the motion for this gift? What does it mean?
- ★ What is something in our faith you have a hard time understanding?
- ★ How can God help you grow in DESIRE and UNDERSTANDING of your faith?
- ★ How can we get more understanding?

## Wisdom: To see myself, others & the world with GOD'S EYES

- ★ What is the motion for this gift? What does it mean?
- ★ When was a time you needed or asked for wisdom from God?
- ★ How will wisdom help you when dealing with situations with your friends?
- ★ How can we grow in wisdom?

## Counsel: To CHOOSE what is right & just

- ★ What is the motion for this gift? What does it mean?
- ★ When was a time you needed or asked for guidance from God?
- ★ How will counsel help you when dealing with situations with your friends?
- ★ How can God help us make good decisions?

## Courage: To DO what is right, even when it's hard

- ★ What is the motion for this gift? What does it mean?
- ★ When was a time you needed or asked for courage?
- ★ How will courage help you when dealing with peer pressure?
- ★ How can we grow in courage?

## ★ Piety: To STRIVE for holiness & closeness with God

- ★ What is the motion for this gift? What does it mean?
- ★ When was a time you felt close to God?
- ★ "Striving" means we are making an effort—not sitting still! What do you need to do to grow in closeness with God?

## Wonder & Awe: To RESPECT reverently the AWESOMENESS of God

- ★ What is the motion for this gift? What does it mean?
- ★ When was a time you felt AWE or the peace or presence of God?
- ★ How do you show respect for God through your thoughts, actions, and relationships with others?
- ★ How can you gain more respect for God?

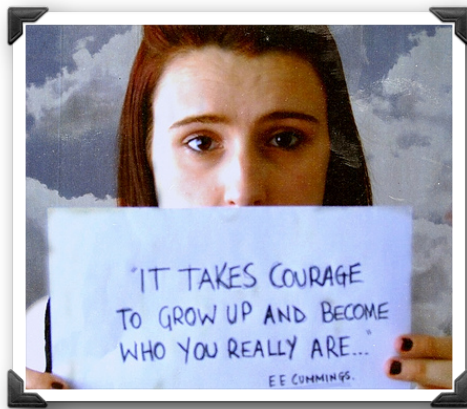
# Confirmation Information



**Rehearsal** for the Sunday, April 25th 3 pm Confirmation will be Thursday, April 22nd 7:30-8:30 pm in church.

**Rehearsal** for the Sunday, May 16th 3 pm Confirmation will be Thursday, May 13th 7:30-8:30 pm in church.

**Rehearsal** for the Saturday, May 22nd 3 pm Confirmation will be Thursday, May 20th 7:30-8:30 pm in church.



**Save the Dates:**  
**WEDNESDAYS 7-8:30 PM**  
**MAY 5, 12 &/OR 19 @ 7 PM**

Experience the welcoming fellowship, engaging activities, and gripping discussion of a high school Quest night (designed especially to meet and welcome **you** and your friends)!  
Meet in the picnic grove.

## How can you live out Confirmation?

- \* Ask the Holy Spirit everyday for the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, understanding, right judgement, courage, wonder and awe, and piety and attend Mass each week
- \* At Mass you could be trained to become a reader, Eucharistic Minister, or a regularly scheduled Greeter or Usher
- \* Participate in High School Youth Ministry social, service and/or retreat events
- \* Once in High School you could become a teen coach for JHYM
- \* Become a catechist aid for elementary classes
- \* Benefits of Being Confirmed: You can be a God parent and you can become a Confirmation sponsor yourself

## What to wear?

For those looking for assistance in choosing attire for the Confirmation Ceremony, I recommend the candidates and sponsors choose "EASTER BEST" clothing that reflects holiness and celebration.

*While we do not require the symbolic dress used in some of the other sacramental rituals such as: the Infant's Baptismal gowns, Girl's white dresses & veils, or the boy's formal suits in reception of the First Eucharist, we do have great expectations that our Confirmation Candidates and their sponsor will pay much attention to wear a respectable Church outfit for receiving this sacrament. Every candidate with their sponsor is presented individually to the Bishop at the ceremony, in front of the St. Jude Faith Community, "utmost respect" precedes anyone's individual nonconformity nature and confirms the candidate's readiness to become an adult member in our faith community.*

Male Confirmation Candidates and sponsors are encouraged to wear a suit, sport coat, dress shirt, tie, dress slacks and dress shoes for the ceremony. Female Confirmation Candidates and sponsors are encouraged to wear dresses. Blouses and longer skirts, or a dressy pant suit are also acceptable for the ceremony. We anticipate that all our female candidates to select outfits of a "modest nature". That means sleeves or covered shoulders and no short skirts above the knee.

If the girls have a dress already chosen from another function without sleeves, we ask you to use an appropriate jacket, sweater or shawl over that dress to make it appear respectful for this religious event. When choosing shoes, choose sensibly, extreme high heels or flip/flops are not encourage for this ritual Mass. Remember that it is NOT NECESSARY to buy something new. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call the office.

*Modest is  
Hottest.*

*1 Peter 3:3-4*



# QUEST

TEENS JOURNEYING TO A DEEPER LIFE **IN CHRIST**

## High School Youth Ministry

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## Socialize

At QUEST, you can meet new people, hear different perspectives, and grow closer to friends you already know. Plus, you'll meet some great adults that really care about you and support you.

May 5, 12 & 19 at 7 pm **Welcome to QUEST**

June, July & August **Bonfires**



## Serve

Whether you need service hours or want to do your part to change the world, our service day trips are meaningful, fun, and action-packed!

Now is a great time to check out our summer mission trips.

Summer **Service Day Trips**

October-April **Teen Coach for a 7th grade JHYM Small Group**

**MISSION TRIPS will be planned for next year!!!**



## Grow in Faith

Unbelievably FUN retreats, monthly teen-ministered Mass, and regular "QUEST Nights" to help you connect with friends and God.

Every 2nd Sunday Night 6:30 pm Teen Mass September — April  
(teens are encouraged to serve in any way)

September- April **Wednesday QUEST Nights**

November **Discovery Retreat @ Camp Manitoqua**

February **Winter Xtreme Retreat @ Camp TimberLee in Wisconsin**

