

FAITH FORMATION TOOL BOX

Program Expectations & Accountability Standards

ATTENDANCE: Attend 80% of confirmation **lessons** and **worship**; attendance is taking during worship. If you are absent for a class, you need to complete the homework given to you by your guide **within 2 weeks of the absence.**

FAMILY NIGHTS: Attend Family Nights with at least one adult; parent, guardian, grandparent. There are seven family nights per year.

WORSHIP DIARIES: 8 worship diaries **per year minimum /16 total.**

SERVICE HOURS: 12 hours per year /24 total.

ACOLYTE SERVICE: Acolyte 4/5 times a year, once a quarter - including summer.

MEMORY WORK: Complete all memory work by the end of your 8th grade year. Recite it to your small group guide. Record it in your Memory Booklet

RETREATS: Attendance is required at these retreats: Small Catechism Retreat, Sept 30 - Oct 1 for 7th and 8th grade and the My Faith Retreat, summer before 9th Grade and Rite of Confirmation.

CONFIRMATION WEEKEND: The Rite or Confirmation or Affirmation of Baptism is the second Sunday in October the fall of your 9th grade year. The weekend begins on Saturday late afternoon with a Dress Rehearsal and Dinner of Honor. The Rite of Confirmation is Sunday at the 10:30 service.

SUNDAYS: Students are expected to attend worship or the Sunday morning program for Middle School - Connect.

HOME DEVOTIONS: Parents lead your family in the practice of 4-Key Family Devotions utilizing the Taking Faith Home Devotions. Taking Faith Home devotion sheets are handed out weekly.

LENTEN MENTORING: During Lent, youth meet with a Lenten Mentor of their choosing to discuss faith and life issues.

YOUTH GATHERING: Attend the Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Gathering at least once, either your 7th or 8th grade year. Many students go as 7th grade and want to attend again.

CONFIRMATION CAMP: Attend Confirmation Camp at Sky Ranch the summer after 7th or 8th grade. Getting away for a week to spend time with God and each other in a beautiful setting creates memories that last a life time.

SPECIAL NOTE: As with any set of expectations involved in a church function, the purpose of completion is not to finish, but to learn from the experiences that lead up to completion. Nothing is absolute, and special arrangements can always be made, but we need and expect the cooperation and support of parents and guardians in helping us enforce these expectations, thereby helping us reach our goal of well-educated youth who are genuinely excited about Christ and the church.