

Candidate Full name: _____

Opening Prayer

We ask God to bless us with the gifts of *WISDOM* and *UNDERSTANDING* so that we can see all points of view and never be narrow minded. That we may be aware and accepting of the feelings and attitudes of one another's hearts. We pray for wisdom and understanding when faced with a complicated problem. God is good! We are thankful for this time to grow closer to Him by learning about our faith. Amen

Open your Bible

Have you ever received a gift and never used it? Cleaned out a drawer or closet and found something you forgot you had? You may not have realized that God has given you some wonderful gifts. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to us at Baptism. These same gifts are strengthened through Confirmation. These are the 7 gifts – Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel (Right Judgment), Fortitude (Courage), Piety (Reverence), Fear of the Lord.

God calls us all to be wisdom seekers. Recognizing the quality of wisdom in others is a step in growing in wisdom ourselves.

Read together **Isaiah 11: 2-3**

- What is your perception of what wisdom is?

Read together **Wisdom 6: 9 - 21** and also **James 3: 13 – 18**

- Who is someone you turn to for advice?

- Discuss the qualities you recognize that make that person wise.

Seeing clearly can be a challenge, especially with so many distractions in our daily lives.

Read together **Mark 8:22 – 26**

- Discuss some distractions that get in your way of living your faith.
- What do you do to help yourself see past distractions?

Living Our Faith

Write a letter to place in a time capsule for future generations. What wisdom would you share? What would you share about your faith?

Describe some ways that you can find God in our daily lives.

Closing Prayer

Lord, Thank you for the gift of the time spent growing closer to you. Strengthen in me the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Help me to understand the plan you have for my life and live in a way that helps me to make wise decisions. Amen

Meditate *Be still, listen and reflect on this thought*

The work of the Holy Spirit moves and deepens within you throughout your life. Confirmation completes the Sacrament of Baptism. Think about the ways being Baptized in our Catholic faith has made a difference in your life. Write down your thoughts in a journal.