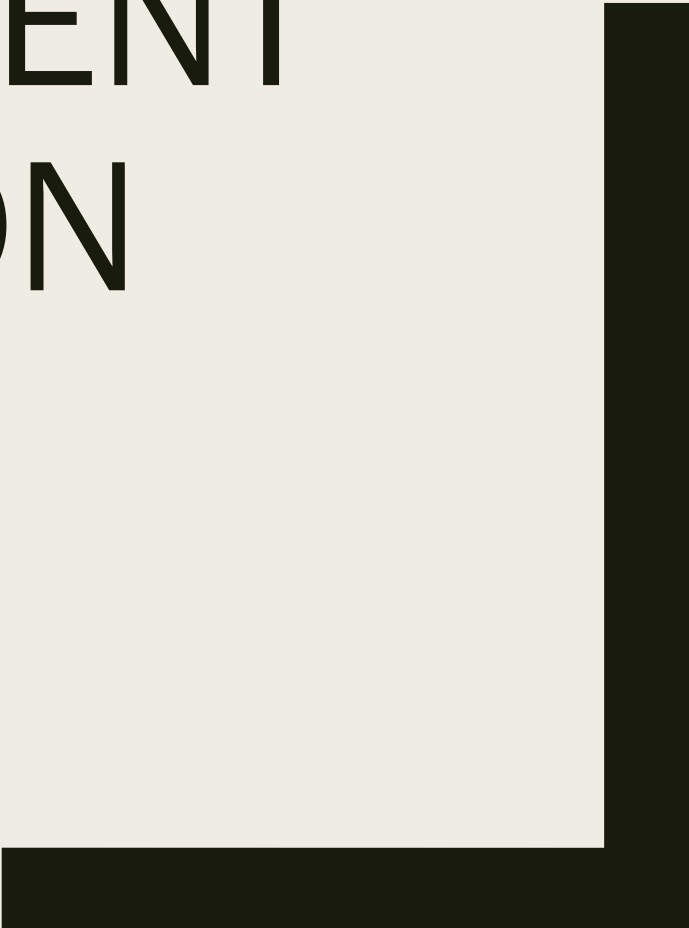




PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION SESSION

Confirmation Year 1 & Year 2

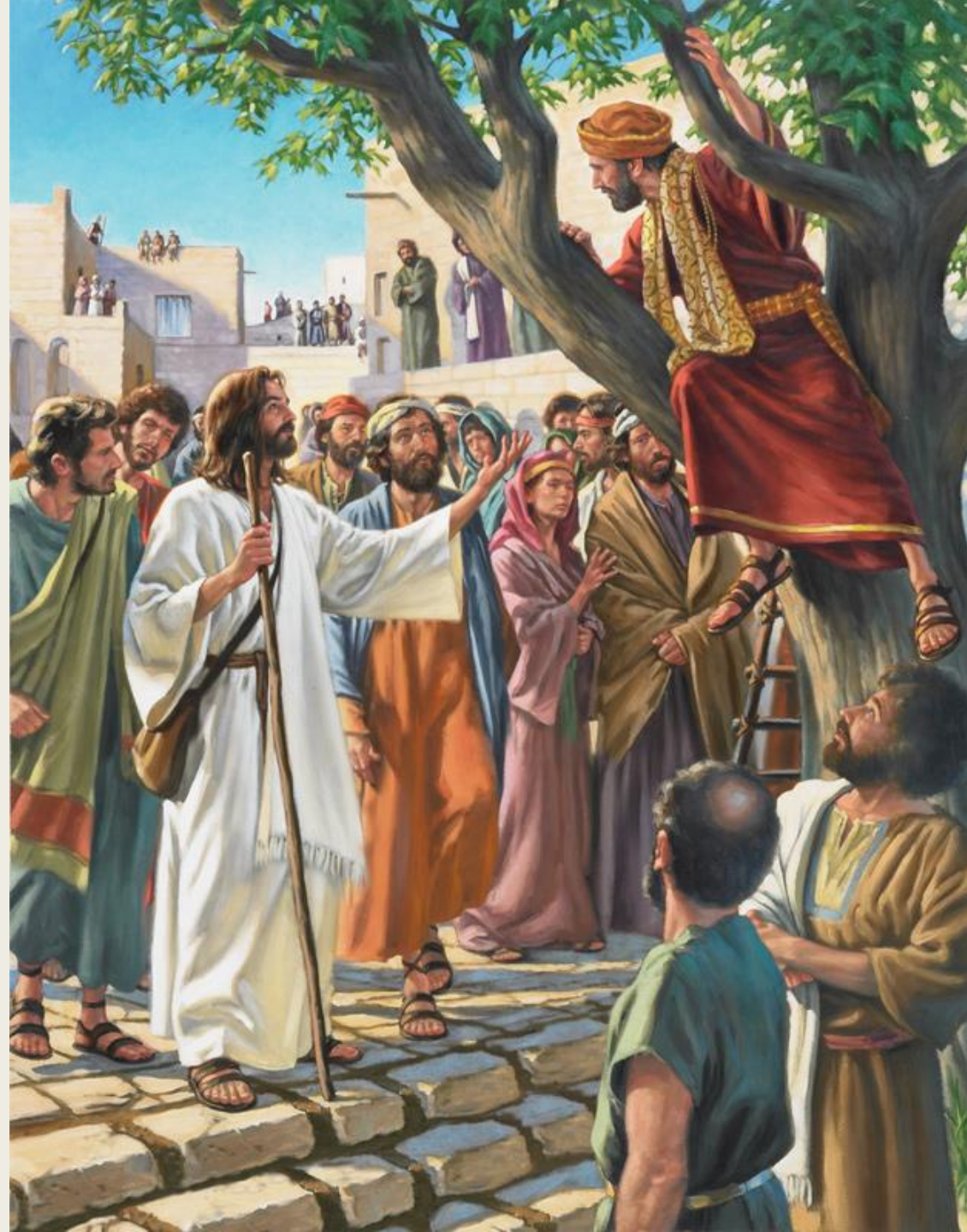


CONFIRMATION

Welcome!



- Icebreaker – What makes you happy? What makes your best friend happy? What makes your parent or child happy?
- Chosen Video: What are you looking for?
- Opening Prayer – Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus



Ponder...

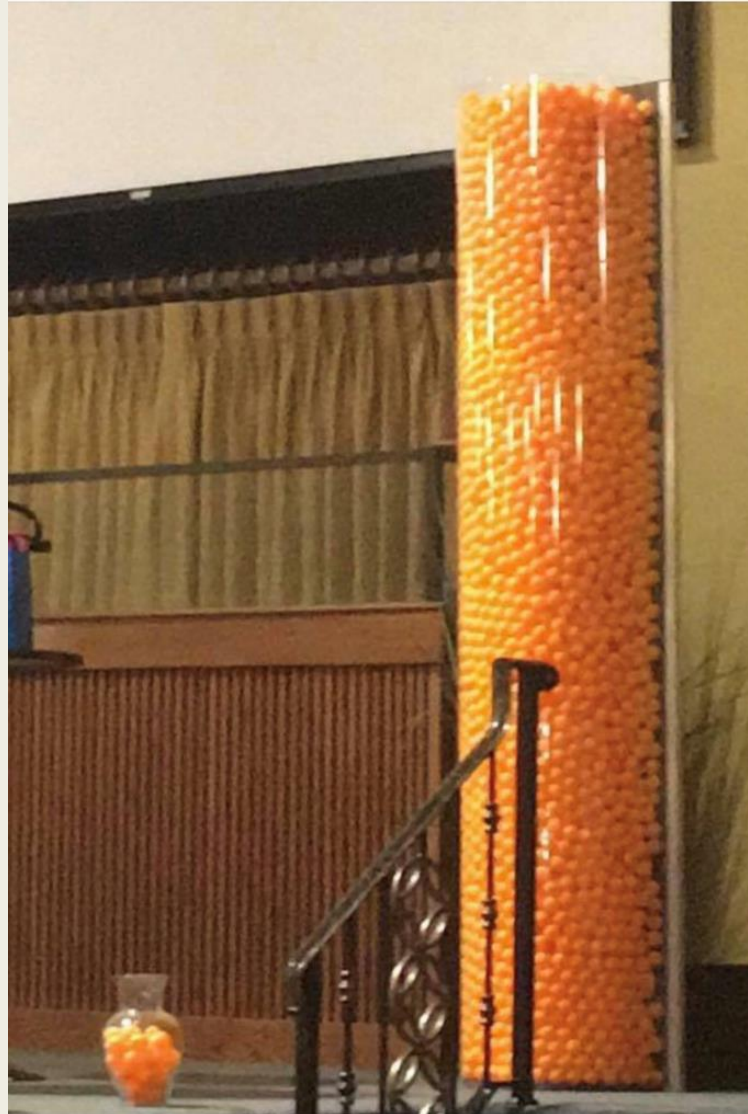
■ What is Confirmation?

■ Why is it important [to me]?

- *Confirmation completes our initiation into the Church and strengthens our bond with the church*
- *Confirmation allows us to affirm our identity as children of God.*
- *Confirmation makes us better able to participate in the worship, life, and mission of the church.*
- *Baptism gave us grace for us, Confirmation gives us grace to serve others.*



How important is parental involvement?



Sacraments 101 Video



“Confirmation gives us the grace we need to lead a truly Christian life.”



Diocesan Requirements



- Attend Mass
 - Celebrate Reconciliation
 - Catechetical Sessions
 - Retreat
 - Parish Service
- Additional:
 - *Reflect on Scripture*
 - *Choosing a sponsor*

Attend Mass – Where can we find Jesus? In the Eucharist!

- Parish Masses – Sat. 4pm, Sun. 8am, 9:45am, 11:30am
- Masstimes.org
- Write it on family calendar



Reconciliation – What are you sorry for? What has separated you from God?

- Parish Reconciliation – Wednesday & Saturday
- Possibly at Retreat
- 1st Penance Celebration – January 31, 2026
- Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy – TBD

[Examination of Conscience](#)



Catechetical Sessions

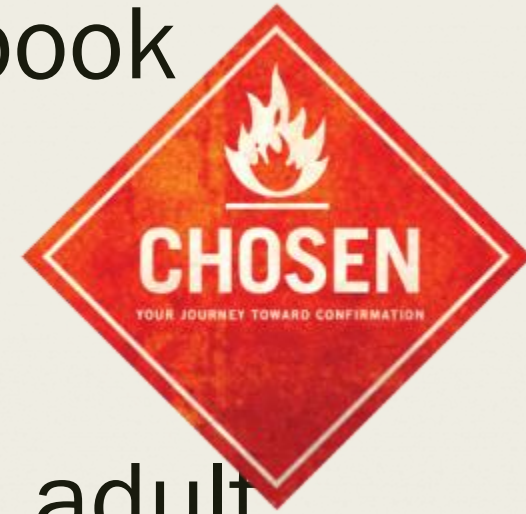
- Chosen Lessons & small groups
- Catholic High School Religion classes
- Homeschool family



[Overall Yearlong Calendar](#)

Chosen curriculum: Videos and Workbook

Flipped Learning



At home: Lesson at home with trusted adult before small group meeting. Complete

[Microsoft Form](#)

In small group: Discussion of topic, Community building, prayer, questions

View Video Lesson 1 Segment 2

- What struck you from the video?
- How would you answer this question: What are you looking for?
- Why are you here? On a scale of 1-5, how happy are you to be here?
- What do you think the title “*Chosen*” has to do with Confirmation?

Retreat – When can you spend time with God, reflecting on the difference He has made in your life?

- Diocesan Confirmation Retreat
- Parish Confirmation Retreat
- High School Retreat
- Other Retreat (must be pre-approved)
- Several shorter experiences (should add up to 5 hours or longer)



[Confirmation Retreat Options](#)

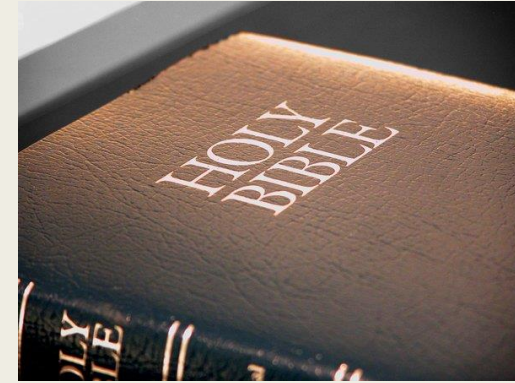
Parish Service – Do you see a need? Take action!

- NEW – Youth Ministry each month!
- Volunteer as a Lector, Children's Liturgy Assistant, Mass coordinator, join the choir
- Sign up to clean the church, or help at a church event
- Find something you like and are passionate about
 - Become a regular!
- Pray before and after, and reflect on your time spent serving
 - *Record on Service Reflection*



- [Confirmation Service Options Fall](#)
- [Service Reflection](#)

Reflect on Scriptures - Do you use the Bible?



- Websites
 - [Loyola Press – Sunday Connection](#)
 - *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*
([usccb.org](#))
 - *Parish cluster website* ([saintagnespaulrose.org](#))
- Choose a time to reflect on the weekly Gospel as a family
- Invite your Student look up a Bible story. Write down the chapter and verse and share with family. Reflect together.
- Lectio Divina

Confirmation Interview Day

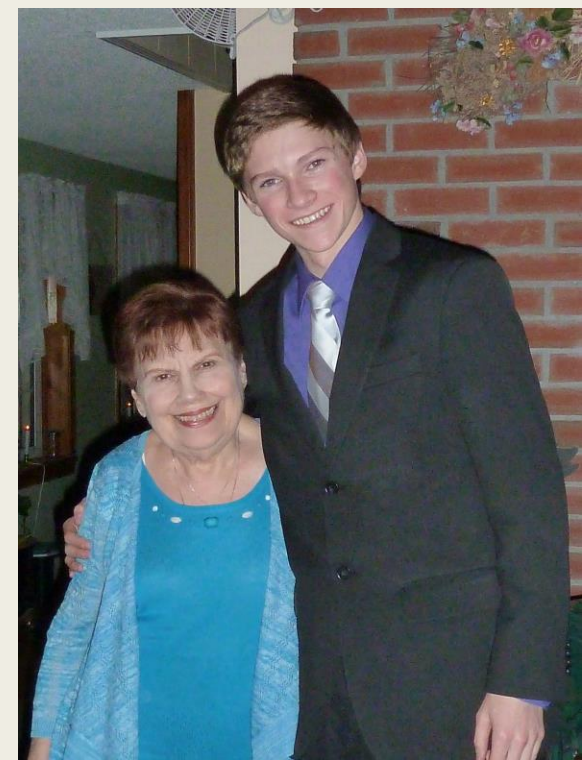
- Year 1 & 2 Interview day with Rotations
 - *Year 2 only - 10 minute interview with Father or Deacon*
 - *Prayer station*
 - *Social Justice station*
 - *Liturgy/Music Station*
 - *Media Communication station*
 - *Teaching station*
 - *Parent discussion*



Confirmation Sponsor

Guidelines . . .

- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
- Is an active Catholic: attends mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation; receives the sacraments of the Church regularly.
- Is not the father or mother of the one to be confirmed



- [Discerning a Sponsor](#)
- [Sponsor Information Form](#)

Expectations



Of the youth and family

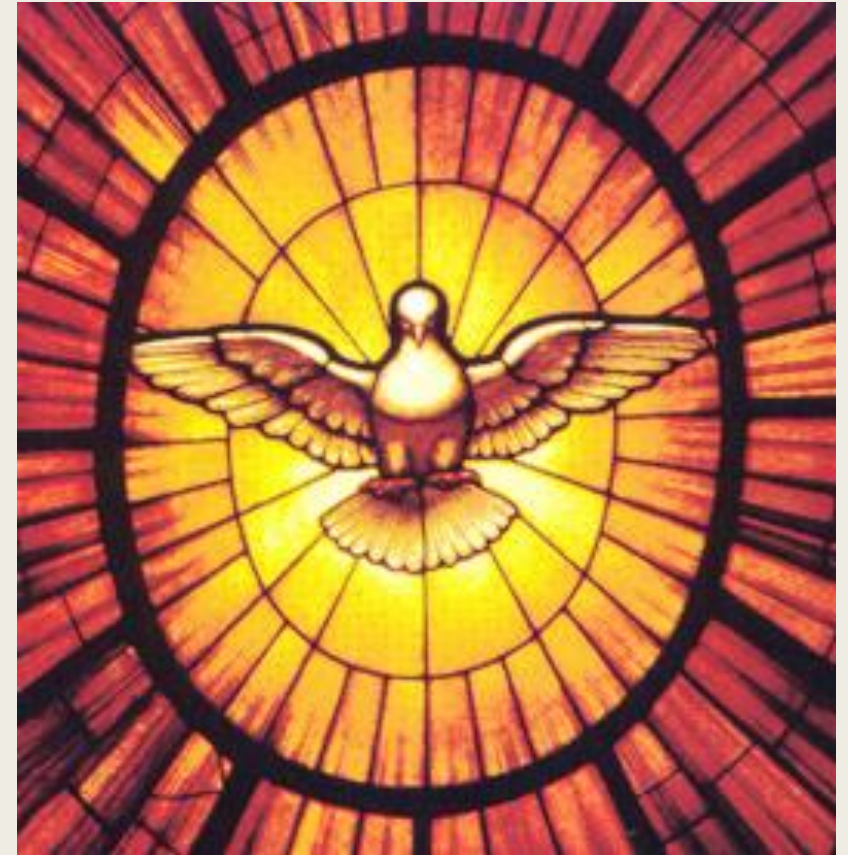
- Grow in your conversion to Jesus Christ
- Develop the habits of discipleship
- Live as active, committed members of the Catholic Church

Of the parish and staff

- Prayer for you and the growth of your relationship with God
- Provide opportunities for you to put faith into action and to reflect and grow your relationship with God
- Support from catechists, sponsors, chaperones, and volunteers as they work with you

A Confirmed Disciple

- What is a Confirmed Disciple?

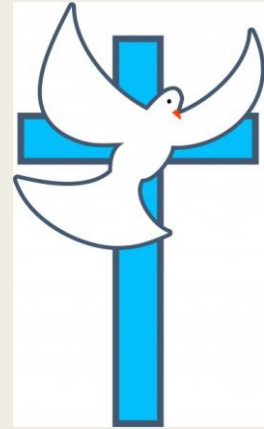


[A Confirmed Disciple](#)

Questions?????



Closing Prayer



Giver of all good gifts, we thank you for the blessings we have received today.

Continue to be present to all of us who are looking for the happiness that only You can give. Help us. Give us the grace to show up for You, for ourselves, each day.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.