

Confirmation Preparation 2026-2027



What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the sacrament that completes the Sacraments of Initiation.

Through Baptism one receives the gift of the Holy Spirit ...
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Confirmation Prep Requirements

Each year candidates are required to complete:

- Mass Attendance
- Catechetical Sessions
- Day of Retreat
- 4 faith/service opportunities

What counts as a Faith/Service Experience?

Pretty much anything that goes on at the parish! You can volunteer to help with any of our formation programs for children. You can serve as a babysitter for adult programs. You can help with liturgical ministries (acolyte, greeter). Community service done outside the parish can count too (we ask that half of your experiences be connected to parish ministries).

Parent Role

- Be the First Teachers!
- Pray with your child!
- Your relationship with Jesus and the Church is the best example.
- Be a model of Christian witness.
- Continue to grow in your own Faith.
- Encourage your teen to share what was discussed in the class.

Confirmation Textbooks

Catholic Faith Handbook
and The Catholic Youth Bible (NRSV)
from St. Mary's Press

Confirmation Preparation 2026-2027 Next Steps



Program Goals

The two years of preparation are meant to be an immersion into the life of the Church — a time for teens to really become a part of our faith community and develop habits of sharing their gifts.

Faith/Service Experience Form



Join Remind Group For Important Updates



Paperwork Checklist: Year 2 Only

- Copy of Baptismal Certificate if you were not baptized here at St. Mary's (you can email a photo)
- Confirmation Name/Sponsor form
- Letter to the Bishop

Attendance Policy:

Catechetical Sessions, Retreat Days, and the Exit Conversation are required by the Diocesan policy for Sacramental Preparation. If you need to miss a session due to illness or an important family conflict and let us know ahead of time, we can arrange for a written make-up assignment.

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Important Dates



Year 1 & Year 2: 6:00-7:30 pm
(including a potluck meal)

September 20 (With Parent)*

October 4

November 1

November 21: Retreat Day

December 6

January 10

February 7

March 7

April 4

May 2

Dinner with Father Brian

New this year—our Confirmation candidates will have the special opportunity to share a meal with Father Brian & Ms. Vicky (dinner is on him!). This is a chance for him to get to know each candidate, hear more about their faith journey, and answer any questions they may have about our Catholic faith. Stay tuned for more details and scheduling!

Confirmation Potluck Helpers Needed



Each month during our Confirmation sessions, we'll be sharing a potluck meal as part of our time together. To make this possible, we're inviting a few Confirmation families each month to help by contributing to the meal.

I'll be sending out a sign-up link where you can choose to bring a main dish, a side, or drinks. Thank you in advance for being part of it!