

St. Patrick's Confirmation

Program Syllabus 2026-2027

“To know, love, and serve God in this world,
and to be happy with him forever in the next.”



St. Patrick's Confirmation program exists to prepare teens to receive Confirmation by helping bring them into a personal, transformative encounter with Jesus Christ, so that they understand that they were created by God with a purpose: to know, love, and serve Him. From this secure relationship, they find their identity in Christ as beloved sons and daughters of God.

“I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly.” John 10:10

Program Components

- **To Know**

- **Formation Nights:** Our Sunday evening formation provides teens a dedicated time during the week for fellowship, catechesis, and community. The program is structured to provide relevant and engaging catechesis that reveals the truths of our Catholic faith. Our Formation Nights take place from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and include Mass.
- **(Confirmation 2) Sponsor Night:** On Sunday, January 3rd, after our normal Formation Night sponsors are asked to join their teen for Mass, a reception, and an activity to foster community and faith.
- **Mass:** The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our faith, the Church teaches us that “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass” (Catechism of Catholic Church, 2181). As such, it is the most important way of living out our identity in Jesus, and the best way to prepare our teens for Confirmation. At Mass we come to know God through his word proclaimed and by receiving Him in the Eucharist.

- **To Love**

- **Day of Recollection:** On Sunday, December 13th, teens will gather from 2:00 to 7:00 PM for a day of prayer and recollection where we will strive to encounter the Lord's love. This year the day will focus on helping our teens enter more fully into the Mass.
- **(Confirmation 2) Retreat Day:** On Sunday, February 28th, Confirmation 2 students will meet from 2:00 to 7:00 PM for a retreat focusing on the Holy Spirit.
- **(Confirmation 2) Reception of Confirmation:** On Saturday, March 6th at 10:00 AM, Confirmation 2 students will receive the sacrament of Confirmation during Mass. This is not a graduation or even a celebration of their accomplishment, rather it is a moment for them to receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the very love of God, that will enable them to live out their faith for the rest of their lives. A rehearsal will take place the Wednesday prior from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.
- **Mass:** In the celebration of Mass, we not only learn about God, we also encounter His love through the sacrament of the Eucharist and in the community gathered in His name. We do not attend Mass solely for own benefit, but praise, worship, and thank God for his sacrifice of love for us.

- **To Serve**

- **Service Events:** In prior years, students independently completed a set number of service hours. This year students will participate in communal service events alongside other parish teens and adult mentors. A few events will be scheduled during the year and the teens are asked to participate in at least one. The sacrament of Confirmation enables us to live our faith in a way that witnesses to Christ's love; participating in service events enables teens to put their faith into practice.
- **Liturgical Ministries:** As part of our Formation Nights, teens will attend Mass alongside their small group. Each group will volunteer at least once to assist at the Mass in roles such as reading and ushering. Service at the Church helps teens recognize their role in the Christian community and familizes them with the structure of the Mass.
- **Mass:** It is through participation at Mass that our teens receive the necessary graces to go out in service to others.

Confirmation Commitments

As our teens prepare to receive Confirmation and become fully initiated members of the Church, it is essential to nurture an intimate and lasting relationship with Jesus Christ. Confirmation preparation is meant to bring candidates into a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit, to become more capable of Christian life as disciples and witnesses in the Church and in the world.

We have a 2-year preparation process. As the reception of Confirmation requires that candidates be properly instructed and come at the appropriate time, we ask families to partner with our parish in supporting this formation journey. Our students attend Formation Nights and a couple other events, unless they are unable due to illness, family emergencies, or other serious circumstances. While we understand that they have a variety of extracurricular commitments (athletics, clubs, dance, etc.), we expect families to make faith formation a priority. This helps ensure students are suitably prepared to receive Confirmation.

Confirmation 1 & 2

Mass	Every Sunday & Holy Day - 6:00 PM Preferred
Formation Nights	15 Total
Day of Recollection	December 13th at 2:00 to 7:00 PM
Service Events	At least 1

Additional Commitments for Confirmation 2

Sponsor & Saint Form	Due: December 4th
Sponsor Night	January 3rd from 5:00 to 8:00 PM
Infomation Form & Vicar Letter	Due: January 29th
Rehearsal	March 3rd at 7:00 PM
Confirmation Mass	March 6th at 10:00 AM

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