

## First Year Confirmation Candidates

### Immediate Preparation (Mandatory):

“Immediate Preparation” for Confirmation refers to those events that deal specifically with the sacrament. One must participate in all “Immediate Preparation” events in order to become fully prepared.

- **Freshman Orientation: (youth and at least 1 parent)** Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:15-8:30pm or Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:15-8:30pm in the Fr. Ed Center.
- **Freshman Intro Session: (teens only)** This is a gathering focused on Christian values and living those values out in everyday life. You must attend 1 session. (Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:15-8:30 or Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:15-8:30) in the Fr. Ed Center.
- **Freshman Action Retreat** (November 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> or January 31<sup>st</sup>-February 1<sup>st</sup>) - Must attend 100% of 1 of the 2 Retreats offered. Saturday hours are 1:30-10pm/Sunday hours are 9:30am-4pm.
- **The Rite of Entrance:** This Rite takes place at the closing mass for the Action Retreat for parents, family and friends at 3:00 pm on Sunday of the Retreat.
- **Service:** Completion of 1 service project done **through youth ministry**
- **Freshmen Gatherings:** Attendance at 3 Freshman Gatherings throughout the year which take place for 4 weeks following each retreat (giving you 8 options to fulfill your 3 gatherings). Fall gatherings are on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:30 pm (November 19<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 10<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>) and Winter gatherings are on Mondays 7:15-8:30 pm (February 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 9<sup>th</sup>, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>).
- **Mandatory Freshmen Rite of Prayer (Teens only)**  
This is a gathering focused on the power and strength of prayer with an in-depth reflection on the words of “The Lord’s Prayer”.  
You must attend 1 of the 2 sessions offered: Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:15-8:45 pm or Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:15-8:45 pm

### Remote Preparation:

“Remote Preparation” for Confirmation refers to those events that help form one into the Way of Christ but do not deal specifically with the sacrament. One must participate in “Remote Preparation” in such a way that one experiences all 8 components of Youth Ministry in order to become fully prepared. (In other words, we leave it up to your judgment and conscience as to how much participation you need to prepare.)

- Weekly Mass
- On-going service opportunities (both youth and their parents)  
Sign-ups through sign up genius  
Freshmen Gatherings following Retreats (attendance at 3 gatherings is required but more are suggested)
- Youth Ministry Fundraisers, Activities and events (Fall Festival/Living Stations, Raffle)
- God Unplugged (Church Youth Choir)