

CONFIRMATION PREP 2022-2023

7th & 8th Grades (and others who may have missed previously)

Sunday nights @ 7-8pm / Monday nights @ 6-7pm

October 16th/17th- Parent/Candidate Orientation **NEW DATE**

October 23rd/24th <i>The Journey</i>	on the Christian life
November 13th/14th- <i>Revealed</i>	on God the Father
November 27th/28th- <i>Word</i>	on Sacred Scripture
December 11th/12th- <i>Jesus Christ!</i>	on the person of Christ
January 8th/9th- <i>Spirit Filled</i>	on the Holy Spirit, the Church & you
January 22nd/23rd- <i>How to Pray</i>	on prayer

****SAINT PROJECTS DUE Jan 22nd/23rd**

February 5th/6th- <i>How to Live</i>	on the moral life of the Christian
February 12th/13th- <i>Called & Chosen</i>	on vocation
February 26th/27th- <i>Gimme a Sign/Forgiven</i>	on Reconciliation & Grace

March 5th/6th- Confirmation Rehearsal and Reconciliation in the Church

CONFIRMATION- March 17th/18th*

*Ceremonies will be assigned by class in November. Requests for changes may be accommodated as space allows.

Confirmation Prep Overview

In-person small-group prep sessions run Sunday from 7-8pm OR Monday nights from 6-7pm. Please drop and pickup your children at either the Hall entrance OR the Youth & Families entrance at the far end of the school opposite the Hall entrance. Because rapport built over time matters so much during this year there will be no substitute teachers, and no making up classes with other groups. Group Leaders will coordinate any cancellations/rescheduled classes with you directly. Please cooperate to the extent you are able. Any missed sessions may be made up in the manner described below.

Makeups

Candidates must turn in written reflections for each chapter of the book for which they missed a session, as a make-up assignment, no later than March 1st. These should contain PERSONAL THOUGHTS, QUESTIONS, and RESPONSES to the chapter content. Candidates may choose to respond to the prompts within the book or may write their own, a few thoughtful sentences in length. Candidates may also choose to reflect on one of the “Try This” assignments from the last page of the chapter. *Sentence-long summaries will not be accepted.* Reflections can be submitted to your Group Leader directly as soon as completed. It will be helpful to complete them as missed, as content does build throughout the year.

Sponsor

Your Sponsor form is due at Registration. Any St Mary’s parishoner need only fill out the top portion on their own and submit back to our office. If the Sponsor is from any other parish, their Pastor must fill out the bottom portion before it is returned. If you have not already done so, please hand or mail this in ASAP. If you need help with a sponsor, do let us know. *Per Canon Law, a parent cannot be a sponsor; but a sibling over the age of 16 and confirmed, can.*

Saint Project

A Saint Project, on any saint of the Catholic Church whose name you will take at Confirmation, is due January 22nd/23rd. Detailed guidelines for how to go about beginning and completing the project are on the sidebar of the webpage at www.smc.org/Confirmation. Please begin thinking and working on this sooner than later—Christmas will be here and then break over before you know it.

Homestudy

Homestudy candidates, ideally along with a parent or sponsor, should read through the red Live Move Breathe book chapter by chapter, writing reflections as described above for “makeups” for each. You may choose to move at the pace outlined in the Schedule (attached) or at your own pace—all reflections must be submitted no later than March 1st; the first half of reflections must be submitted for a progress-check by January 15th. Insufficient or incomplete reflections will render you ineligible for the sacrament, so do not delay.

Mass

It is expected that Confirmation candidates and their families attend Mass regularly during this year of preparation. As the Eucharist we receive at the Mass is the source and summit of our faith, it is crucial we remain connected to it. Here we will receive the grace to understand the things we study; and the grace to become more like Christ. Please make this a priority.

EDGE / LIFE TEEN

In addition to the Confirmation-prep sessions, it is expected that candidates will participate in the general catechetical program for their appropriate age-group— **Middle School on Mondays from 7-8:15pm in the Gym; High School on Sunday nights from 6-8pm in the Hall (dinner included)**. These programs will provide the baseline catechesis appropriate to the year, to which the limited number of Confirmation sessions will be a supplement. *Ideally, the Confirmation year will serve as a launch-point for continued formation in the faith throughout middle school, high school, and beyond.*