

# St. George Confirmation Preparation Schedule for 2023/2024

- 10/22/23 | 7:00-9:00pm | KAC (Parishioner's Hall) | Confirmation Orientation
- 10/29/23 | 1:15-3:00pm, 3:45-5:30pm | Varies by Group | Confirmation Small Group Meetings
- 11/12/23 | 1:15-3:00pm, 3:45-5:30pm | Varies by Group | Confirmation Small Group Meetings
- 12/03/23 | 1:15-3:00pm, 3:45-5:30pm | Varies by Group | Confirmation Small Group Meetings
- 01/07/24 | 1:15-3:00pm, 3:45-5:30pm | Varies by Group | Confirmation Small Group Meetings
- 01/08/24 | First Sponsor-Led Session Emails Due
- 02/04/24 | 1:15-3:00pm, 3:45-5:30pm | Varies by Group | Confirmation Small Group Meetings
- 02/10/24 1:00-9:00pm | KAC & Youth House | Confirmation Retreat Option 1
- 02/24/24 | 1:00-9:00pm | KAC & Youth House | Confirmation Retreat Option 2
- 03/03/24 | 1:15-3:00pm, 3:45-5:30pm | Varies by Group | Confirmation Small Group Meetings
- 03/16/24 | 1:00-9:00pm | KAC & Youth House | Confirmation Retreat Option 3
- 03/24/24 | 1:15-3:00pm, 3:45-5:30pm | Varies by Group | Confirmation Small Group Meetings
- 04/07/24 | 1:15-3:00pm, 3:45-5:30pm | Varies by Group | Confirmation Small Group Meetings
- 04/08/24 | CONFIRMATION NAME SUBMISSION & ESSAY DUE to Director
- 04/08/24 | Second Sponsor-Led Session Emails Due
- 4/28/24 | 7:15-8:45pm | KAC & Church | Confirmation Practice *[watch for communication regarding practice, if we can include practice as part of our retreat or another meeting, we will.]*
- 4/29/24 | 7:00pm | Church | Confirmation Mass [read below for arrival times & details]
  - 6:00pm | KAC | Candidates & Sponsors arrive. Sponsors to the Church, Candidates to the Chapel
  - 6:15pm | Church Doors open for Families & Friends

**Orientation:** Candidates, sponsors, and one parent or guardian are required to attend. This meeting will go through our program, answer questions, and provide an opportunity for any last paperwork or payments to be turned in. Candidates will meet their small group leaders and learn about the program while sponsors & parents will have a chance to talk with our director.

**Small Group Sessions:** Candidates will meet with their small groups for discussion, prayer, and fellowship. Small Groups are determined by the Confirmation Director, they will be announced prior to October 22<sup>nd</sup> and our Orientation Meeting. Small Group meeting locations on campus will be determined by October 24<sup>th</sup> and communicated via email.

**Sponsor-Led Session:** Sponsors will lead their candidates through two of the Decision Point lessons. The goal of these is to encourage discussion of faith & relationship with God, using the provided content as a framework. Sponsors AND Candidates are required to send in emailed "Proof of Completion", see sponsor packets for details

**Confirmation Retreat Options:** Candidates are **required to attend one retreat**. Signups open in November and fill on a first come, first-serve basis. Retreats include Mass, Adoration, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession.

**Name Essay:** Confirmation Name Essay due April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, this 300-word (minimum) essay should include what the name you chose is, where it came from, and why you chose it.

**Confirmation Practice:** Candidates and Sponsors attend practice together to come to understand how the Rite of Confirmation will take place. This practice *may* be moved or eliminated – watch for emails from Ms. Catherine.

**Confirmation Mass:** Candidates and Sponsors are asked to arrive early in order to ensure everyone is present in time for the bishop to talk with the Candidates. Mass will last approximately 1 ½ hours and a reception will follow.