# Confirmation Preparation 2025-2026

Only those planning to be confirmed in Spring 2026 (Gr. 9 students) need to register for Confirmation Prep Sessions this year! There is a \$50 Prep Fee (for retreat and materials) on top of the regular fee for Faith Formation.

# <u>Faith Formation Recommendations for the Year prior to beginning Confirmation Preparation – Gr. 8</u>

- Enrollment in Religious Education Classes or participation in Religious Education at a Catholic School
- Participation in Youth Ministry events (including retreats & service opportunities)
- Family participation in Parish events & ministries
- Begin thinking about who might make a good Confirmation sponsor to walk with you on your faith journey (an adult, confirmed, **practicing** member of the Catholic Church – the Church recommends a godparent, cannot be a parent, must be Confirmed at least one year)

## Confirmation Preparation Requirements & Recommendations - Gr. 9

#### Required/Expected

- 3 Monthly Fall Confirmation Prep Sessions (attended with a parent)
- 3 Monthly Spring Confirmation Prep Sessions (attended with a sponsor)
- Weekly Mass attendance and Mass attendance at all Holy Days of Obligation (obligation for all Catholics)
- Retreat (offered in Spring 2026)
- 10 service hours (participation in LBH Summer 2025 counts as 5 hours)
- Confirmation Sponsor Form (due January 2026)
- Candidate Interview with RE Leaders (held in January 2026)
- Confirmation Saint Name chosen (due March 2026)
- Letter of Intent to be sent to the Bishop (due April 2026)

### Highly Recommended

- Participation in a HS Youth Ministry sessions
- Participation in HS Youth Ministry events (like Frassati Fest)
- Family participation in parish events & ministries

**Confirmation Preparation Sessions begin in October 2025**. The Confirmation candidate and one parent are asked to attend three monthly sessions from October - December. The Confirmation candidate and sponsor are asked to attend three monthly sessions from February – April. There will be two different date/time options each month covering the same information - plan to attend the one that best fits your schedule. All sessions start promptly at 6:00 pm (please be early to sign in).

#### SAVE THE DATES:

- Wed. September 17 information session required for all students/parents
- Wed. October 1st or Wed. October 8th
- Wed. November 5th or Wed. November 12th
- Wed. December 3rd or Wed. December 10th
- Confirmation Interviews in January required to continue
- Wed. February 4th or Wed. February 11th (Mass attendance expected February 18<sup>th</sup> for Ash Wednesday)
- Wed. March 4th or Wed. March 11th
- Wed. April 1st or Wed. April 8<sup>th</sup>
- Retreat (tentatively April 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Confirmation Mass TBA

Please register as soon as possible!

Summer events to join us:

Youth Ministry Summer Sessions

Service Projects (will count for Confirmation service hours)

Youth Ministry information found at:

