

## 2018-2019 CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

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Here are the dates, times and locations for our Confirmation faith formation sessions.

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My office hours are Monday-Thursday from 10am-2pm.

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Important Dates to Remember (Color Key: **Catechetical Sessions**/Service Opportunities)

**August 26 10:30am Confirmation Parents Registration and Meeting**

Altar Server/Hospitality Minister-Service Opportunity

**September 9 6:30-8:00pm SFX** Confirmation Sponsors, Saints Names, Service Hours and Attendance Expectations. What is A Bishop? Symbols of the Evangelists. Fruits of the Spirit, Gifts of the Spirit.

**September 16 11am Saint Francis Xavier Parish Picnic -Evergreen Park-Service Opportunity**

Catechetical Sunday September 15/16

**September 23 6:30-8:00pm SFX** –*The Way: Pre-Evangelization*

Lesson 1 "Why Am I Here?"

Lesson 2 "What Makes Me Happy?"

**September 29<sup>th</sup>-Shrine Confirmation Rally Registration Due**

October 7 SFX Blessing of the Pets SFX 2pm

October 10-Shrine Confirmation Rally 6-9pm. (Bus provided leave at 4pm return by 11pm)

October 15-7:00pm SFX Living Rosary-Service Opportunity

**October 14 6:30-8:00pm SFX** – *The Way: Evangelization*

Lesson 3 "What's Your Story, God?"

Lesson 4 "How Do I Know God Is Real?"

*Inspired by the Spirit: The Holy Spirit Has Always Been At Work*

*The Holy Spirit Prepares the Way For the Messiah*

\* Sponsor names due

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**October 28 6:30-8:00pm SFX** – Lesson 5 “Who Is Jesus?”

Lesson 6 “Why Be Catholic?”

*Inspired by the Spirit: Through the Holy Spirit the Kingdom of God is Proclaimed*

*The Spirit of Truth Bears Witness to Christ*

**\* 50% of Service Hours/Saints Name and Saint Research Paper due**

**November 11 6:30-8:00pm**

Lesson 7 “Where Am I Going?”

*Inspired by the Spirit: Christ’s Ascension Begins the Time of the Spirit*

*At Pentecost the Spirit Begins the Age of the Church*

**\*work on first draft of letter to Bishop**

**November 25 6:30-8:00pm SFX** - Lesson 8 “How Do I Get There?”

Lesson 9 “When Did My Journey Begin?”

*Inspired by the Spirit: The Apostles Impart the Holy Spirit*

*The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit Continues Through Baptism and Confirmation*

**December 1 Lights Fantastic Parade-Service Opportunity**

**December 2-SFX Youth Ministry Coffee and Donuts 9:00am mass-Service Opportunity**

**December 9 6:30-8:00pm SFX** - Lesson 10 “Why Tell My Sins To A Priest?”

Lesson 11 “How Does God Help When It Hurts?”

*Inspired by the Spirit: The Holy Spirit Is the Source of the Church’s Life*

*Through the Holy Spirit, Christ is Present in the Church*

**December 15 Saint Francis Xavier Cookie Walk –Service Opportunity**

**December 16 Saint Francis Xavier Decorate Church**

**December 16 Saint Francis Xavier White Elephant Gift Exchange/Pizza Party**

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**January 13, 2019 6:30-8:00pm SFX** – Lesson 12 “Who Is the Holy Spirit?”

Lesson 13 “What Does the Holy Spirit Do For Me?”

*Inspired by the Spirit: The Sacraments of Initiation Call Us to Holiness*

*The Holy Spirit Inspires the Mission of Evangelization*

**January 20-Confirmation Rite of Enrollment 9:00am mass**

**January 20 MLK Day Celebration – 4:00pm Carbondale Civic Center- Mandatory Service**

**January 27 6:30-8:00pm SFX** – Lesson 14 “Why Have I Been Chosen?”

Lesson 15 “Why Do I Have To Go To Mass?”

*Inspired by the Spirit: Confirmation deepens Baptismal Grace*

*Confirmation Unifies the Parish Community*

**February 10 6:30-8:00pm SFX**

Lesson 16 “What Does It Mean To Say, ‘I Do’?”

Lesson 17 “Who’s Calling?”

*Inspired by the Spirit: Confirmation Preparation Readies Us For the Fullness of the Spirit*

*The Holy Spirit Equips Us to Carry On the Mission of Jesus Christ*

**February 24 6:30-8:00pm SA** – *The Life: Discipleship*

Lesson 18 “Are You Talking To Me?”

Lesson 19 “Who Is Mary?”

*Inspired by the Spirit: The Celebration of Confirmation Leads Us From Baptism to the Eucharist*

*The Sacrament of Confirmation Celebrates the Faith of the Church*

**\* Last Draft of Bishop’s Letter is due**

**February 6 – ASH WEDNESDAY**

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**March 17 6:30-8:00pm SFX** – Lesson 20 “What Would Jesus Do?”

Lesson 21 “do I Have What It Takes?”

*Inspired by the Spirit: The Laying On of Hands Reminds Us of the Origin of Confirmation*

*In Confirmation We Are Sealed With the Gift of the Holy Spirit*

**March 31 6:30-8:00pm SFX** – Lesson 22 “Why Wait?”

Lesson 23 “How Do I Build the Kingdom?”

*Inspired by the Spirit: The Meaning and Grace of the Sacrament of Confirmation Are Seen In Its Celebration*

*Through Confirmation the Holy Spirit Strengthens Us To Witness*

### HOLY WEEK

*Bishop Braxton has made attendance at all Holy Week Services mandatory to receiving Confirmation*

*April 14, 2019 Palm Sunday*

*April 18, 2019 Holy Thursday*

*April 19, 2019 Good Friday*

*April 20, 2019 Easter Vigil*

*April 21, 2019 Easter*

*April 21, 2019 Easter Egg Hunt SFX after 9:00am mass-Service Opportunity*

**April 14 6:30-8:00pm SFX** – Confirmation Interviews (Sponsors Attend, if possible)

Lesson 24 “Where Do I Go From Here?”

*Inspired by the Spirit: The Holy Spirit Continually Builds Up the Church*

*We Share In the Mission of the Church*

**6:30-8:00pm SFX – Confirmation Rehearsal (TBD)**

### **RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Peter Cathedral, in Belleville.

Details will be shared as they become available. Tentative Dates are April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup> or May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Vacation Bible School July 21-25, 2019 - Service Opportunity**