

2023-2024 Confirmation Program

PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Attend Formation and Sacramental Preparation Sessions (must attend minimum of 30 hours of formation in addition to the eight required sacramental preparation sessions and a Confirmation retreat for the sacrament.)
- 1. **Monthly Formation Gatherings:** using "Venture The Bible Timeline for High School," to lead our youth to a deeper relationship with God and a greater understanding of our faith. Gatherings are held in the Worship Space. Gathered formation, 2 hours per session, **plus** 4-hour retreat. (Total of 18 hours)
- 2. **Sacramental Preparation:** using *Decision Point* curriculum, held in the Worship Space, 2 hours per session. (8 sessions, total of 16 hours)
- 3. **At Home Formation:** work through pages in both formation and sacramental preparation prior to attending sessions, may also include suggested videos to watch (non-gathered formation, 1.5 hours per month x 16)
- 4. Attend the parish sponsored **Confirmation Retreat, Dec. 1-3** @ Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center or a Diocesan sponsored retreat.
- 5. At least one parent/guardian attend the **Confirmation Parent Session**, on Tuesday, **Sept. 12** at 6:45 pm, designed to help deepen the parent's understanding of the sacrament and prepare them for their role as primary teacher of the faith.
- 6. **Parents attend ROCK (Raising Our Catholic Kids),** Tuesdays of classes, 6:30-8:00pm, in the Commons. Preparation for Confirmation is a commitment for parents and children, requiring time, effort and energy. These sessions provide a non-judgmental place to receive guidance, support and unconditional love, exactly what you want to give to your children.
- 7. Provide Baptismal Certificate from the church of record and needs to include record of First Communion. The sacrament cannot be celebrated if these are not recorded. We must have the certificate from the church of record obtained during the current academic year. Must receive by Tuesday, Jan. 9
- 8. Select **Confirmation Sponsor** and complete the **Sponsor Attestation** form (see separate sheet for details).
- 9. Complete a **Confirmation Saint Name form** (see separate sheet for details).
- 10. Attend Rehearsal of Rite of Confirmation with sponsor or a parent Date TBA
- 11. Attend Mystagogia Session post-Confirmation Date TBA

August 2023

Parent Formation Orientation and Book Distribution, All Grades: Sunday, **Aug. 27**, 12:30 pm in Worship Space.

September 2023

At Home Sacramental Preparation: (complete by Sept. 12) Read Decision Point, Chapter 1

Sacramental Preparation: Tuesday, **Sept. 12**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, in the Worship Space **Parent Sacrament Orientation Session:** Tuesday, **Sept. 12**, 6:45 – 8:15 pm, Commons

At Home Formation: Will be emailed to parents and students the week before class. Complete for Sept 17.

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Sept. 17**, 1-3 pm, in the Worship Space.

Rite of Entrance: (two options, choose one) Saturday, **Sept. 30** at 5:30 pm Mass (arrive by 5 pm) or Sunday, **Oct.** 1 at 11 am Mass (arrive by 10:30 am)

October 2023

At Home Sacramental Preparation (complete by Oct. 10): Read *Decision Point*, Chapters 2 & 3 Sacramental Preparation: Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, in the Worship Space

At Home Formation: Will be emailed to parents and students the week before class. Complete for Oct. 15.

Formation Gathering: Sunday, Oct. 15, 1 – 3 pm, in the Worship Space. Bring food items and \$2 for CCHASM Thanksgiving meals.

November 2023

At Home Sacramental Preparation (complete by Nov. 14): Read *Decision Point*, Chapters 4 & 5 Sacramental Preparation: Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, in the Worship Space

At Home Formation: Will be emailed to parents and students the week before class. Complete for Nov. 19 Formation Gathering: Sunday, Nov. 19, 1 - 3 pm, in the Worship Space – Advent.

December 2023

Confirmation Retreat: Friday, Dec. 1, 4pm – Sunday, Dec. 3, meet at the Church at 4:15 pm on Dec. 1.

At Home Sacramental Preparation (complete by Dec. 12): Read Decision Point, Chapters 6 & 7

Sacramental Preparation: Tuesday, Dec. 12, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, in the Worship Space

At Home Formation: Will be emailed to parents and students the week before class. Complete for Dec. 17

Formation Gathering: Sunday, Dec. 17, 1 – 3 pm, in the Worship Space – Christmas.

January 2024

At Home Sacramental Preparation (complete by Jan. 9): Read *Decision Point*, Chapters 8 & 9

Sacramental Preparation: Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, in the Worship Space

At Home Formation: Will be emailed to parents and students the week before class. Complete for Jan. 28

Formation Gathering: Sunday, Jan. 28, 1-3 pm, in the Worship Space – Ordinary Time.

February 2024

At Home Sacramental Preparation (complete by Feb. 13): Read *Decision Point*, Chapters 10 & 11 Sacramental Preparation: Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, in the Worship Space
At Home Formation: Will be emailed to parents and students the week before class. Complete for Feb. 25 Formation Gathering: Sunday, Feb. 25, 1-3 pm, in the Worship Space - Lent.

March 2024

At Home Sacramental Preparation (complete by Mar. 12): Read Decision Point, Chapter 12

Sacramental Preparation: Tuesday, **Mar. 12,** 6:30 – 8:30 pm, in the Worship Space

At Home Formation: Will be emailed to parents and students the week before class. Complete for Mar. 17

Formation Gathering: Sunday, **Mar. 17**, 1-3 pm, in the Worship Space – Easter.

April 2024

At Home Sacramental Preparation (complete by **Apr. 9**): Spiritual Gifts Questionnaire **Sacramental Preparation**: Tuesday, **Apr. 9**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, in the Worship Space

At Home Formation: Will be emailed to parents and students the week before class. Complete for Apr. 21

Formation Gathering: Sunday, Apr. 21, 1 – 3 pm, in the Worship Space - Pentecost

May 2024

Formation Gathering: No formation gathering this month.

Run Through for Sacrament: TBA (Determined by the Diocese)
Celebration of the Sacrament: TBA (Determined by the Diocese)

Mystagogia (Required part of Confirmation Preparation): Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, in the Worship

Space.

Vacation Bible School: Volunteer sign-ups. Great way to earn community service hours! See Ms. Carole to volunteer to be a crew leader or to help at a station.

June 2024

Vacation Bible School: Monday-Friday June 17-21, 8:30 am - 12 pm.