

Confirmation Year 2 2023-2024

Welcome Families!

We are excited to have everyone back for Confirmation Preparation at Holy Trinity! This is the last leg of the journey to prepare students to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our curriculum **'Purpose' by Life Teen** will continue to lead us closer to Jesus together as a church. There are always 4 diocesan required assignments: The Saint Report was due during Year 1, Sponsor Affirmation Form is due December 10, 2023, and the Letter to the Bishop & Discipleship Mission are due on April 14, 2024

Further Details will be discussed and given during Orientation on September 10th from 6:30-8:00pm. Parent & Candidate attendance is required at Orientation.

We are excited to announce that the 5:30pm Mass will now be a Youth-dedicated mass. We encourage all students to get involved. Opportunities include serving as ushers, lectors, altar servers, and in our youth band.

Year 2 sessions will now meet on alternating Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All meeting dates are equally important in the preparation process. Attendance and participation are expected. Excessive absences may delay the preparation of the candidate.

The session time is purposefully designed to allow families and teens to attend mass together at our newly formed Youth Mass at 5:30 pm. *"On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass."* - Catechism of the Catholic Church 2180.

****see calendar for exact dates***

Our servant leaders and we are excited to be journeying with you throughout the following Sunday experiences, bible studies, two-day retreat, and more.

Let's go find your purpose!

In Christ,

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Missed Classes and High School Youth Group

At Confirmation, our faith and membership in the Body of Christ is confirmed, or strengthened. In the rite of Baptism, we become new members of the body of Christ, but our journey does not end there. The decision to be baptized is followed by continued growth, learning, and witness as members of the body of Christ. (Catechism 1316 and John Paul II, Redemptoris Missio 26).

Confirmation classes are important because they encourage community and provide experiences that adequately prepare students for the Sacrament. At Confirmation Mass Fr. Michael must acknowledge before the Bishop, "The candidates we present are well instructed, are prepared and ready to receive the fullness of Christian Initiation in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

"To be well instructed" refers to attending and participating in Confirmation classes in addition to Sunday Mass. Class attendance will be taken at each session and revisited throughout the journey to ensure that our Pastor Fr. Michael is able to confidently present the Candidates to the Bishop.

If my teen missed Confirmation classes, is there a make-up? Confirmation classes are standalone. No "make-up" class revisits the experience missed. However, if a class is missed due to **illness or emergency situations**, the candidate will have to attend another High School Youth Ministry event such as our weekly Wednesday youth group. in addition to parent-candidate discussion questions that cover the catechesis missed.

These opportunities for "make-ups" are only to be used if necessary and can be picked up in the Parish Office starting the Monday after the class is missed.

HTYM youth group meets every Wednesday in the Parish Hall for Youth Nights from 7:00pm - 8:30pm and for socials throughout the year. This is an important time to relax, have fun, build Catholic community, and focus on personal relationship with Jesus. All high school students are invited! For updates on events, please follow us on social media or visit our website.

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