



[2018-2019]

At St. Mary Parish the Rite of Confirmation is offered on an every-other-year rotation. Preparation for the sacrament is a joint-class program beginning in the fall of the 7th and 8th grade years and culminating in the spring. Thus, students eligible to receive the sacrament at the next scheduled date must begin the program this fall.

Students enrolled in a parish sacramental preparation program are required by the Diocese of Toledo to be *concurrently* enrolled in *general religious education* either through a parish Religious Education Department, a Catholic school, or a verified homeschooling program.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

◆FORMATION SESSIONS:

FOR PARENTS, SPONSORS, AND STUDENTS—Meetings

These required meetings will be held in the cafeteria. Sponsors who live locally are asked to attend. Arrangements can be made for sponsors who live out of town. Please speak with Mrs. Mancha about any special circumstances.

•7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018

•6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019 [Runs concurrently with the student class.]

•9 a.m. Sunday, March 31, 2019

[Breakfast and morning session for parents & students, continuing with a student retreat. See below for information about the retreat.]

FOR STUDENTS [& OCCASIONALLY PARENTS]—Monthly Classes

Required monthly classes will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. on the dates listed below. Student-only sessions will be in the library; Parent sessions will be in the cafeteria. Students should come to class having already read the chapter and answered the questions in their books, ready to discuss.

Session 1 •Sunday, Sept. 30

Session 2 •Sunday, Oct. 14

Session 3 •Sunday, Oct. 28

Session 4 •Sunday, Nov. 11

Session 5 •Sunday, Dec. 2—Class will be from 5 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. & will include pizza.

Session 6 •Sunday, Dec. 9

Session 7 •Sunday, Jan. 13—Saint name essays due. At least one parent is to attend this session w/ student.

Session 8 •Sunday, Jan. 27

Session 9 •Sunday, Feb. 10—Student letters to pastor requesting Confirmation are due.

Session 10 •Sunday, Feb. 24

Session 11 •Sunday, March 10

Session 12 •Sunday, March 24

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✦ **RITE OF INSCRIPTION:**

MAKING OF A COVENANT TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM—11 A.M. SUNDAY, OCT. 14

During Mass students will make a covenant with the pastor and parish family, agreeing to wholeheartedly undertake the Confirmation Program process.

✦ **PARENT/STUDENT PRE-ASSESSMENT:**

DISCUSSION OF STUDENT PROGRESS—AT THE SUNDAY, JAN. 13, PARENT MEETING

Parents, be ready to have a group discussion about your student's Confirmation journey/progress at this parent (and sponsor, if possible) session in the cafeteria.

✦ **WORKS OF CHARITY:**

STUDENTS PERFORM CHARITABLE SERVICE—Parish, Family, and Community

Students will participate in individual, family, and class projects, as well as parish ministry/stewardship. The Diocesan Catechetical Council has recently stated that "someone who does not put their faith into action in works of charity may not be ready to complete their Christian Initiation."
Information TBA.

✦ **INDIVIDUAL STUDENT SPRING INTERVIEW:**

FR. BEAVER, MRS. MANCHA, & DR. MANCHA MEET WITH CANDIDATES—To Ascertain Readiness

Per diocesan requirement, each student is required to meet for a private, pre-scheduled conference with either Fr. Beaver, Mrs. Mancha, *or* Dr. Mancha. These one-on-one meetings are for the purpose of determining the candidate's readiness for the sacrament (and therefore the completion of his/her initiation into the Church). **Interview sign-up will take place at the Sept. 23th meeting. Interviews will be Saturday and Sunday, March 2 & 3.** Students should reflect upon and be ready to discuss their...

- understanding of the Sacrament of Confirmation
- openness to receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- willingness to live out the fruits of Confirmation in the context of the Church
- general readiness to accept the responsibilities of a fully initiated Catholic
- charitable service, which will be "verified" during this interview

✦ **RETREAT:**

MANDATORY STUDENT RETREAT—Will Follow the Parent-Student Breakfast & Meeting

- Sunday, March 31, 2019 • Begins at 9 a.m. with breakfast • Mass at 11 a.m. • End time TBA •

✦ **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

PENANCE SERVICE FOR STUDENTS/FAMILIES & CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL—Resurrection Parish

Students and parents will gather at Resurrection Parish for a joint Penance service and rehearsal. Sponsors are welcome to attend.

- 10 a.m. Saturday, April 27, 2019



The Confirmation ceremony (to include confirmandi of both St. Mary and Resurrection parishes) is at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, at Resurrection.**
A reception will follow.

For More Information

Contact Mary T. Mancha, coordinator of sacramental preparation, at the parish office (419-589-2114) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, by cell (419-606-4415), or email (mtrmancha@gmail.com).