



Confirmation Preparation 2024 Family of the Most Holy Eucharist

The Confirmation preparation program will be changing in the 2024/25 school year. ALL Catholic 7th and 8th graders will be Confirmed this year, as we are shifting the Confirmation year to 7th grade in our entire family.

ALL families with children in grades 7 or 8 seeking the sacrament of Confirmation will need to register on the FMHE website, regardless of where the child attends school (including homeschool and PREP students).

Confirmation Preparation classes will be at the St. Martin Campus and the classes are being held in conjunction with Family Mondays where we have a delicious meal (FREE) in Fr. Mick Hall. The meal is served at 6:00pm and at 6:30pm the Confirmation and PREP classes will begin in the Red School Building.

Why are we changing the Confirmation preparation program in 2024/25? Each individual parish in our family of 5 parishes has had at least a 60% decrease in parishioners over the past 20 years. Our churches are not growing, but we are committed to improving this situation. We see that the traditional model of formation has not yielded a strong community of young people over the past 20 years. Therefore, we must make changes. We want to prioritize preparation for Confirmation so that children become joyful and excited about continuing to attend Mass, and thus begin to reverse our current decline.

All students seeking the sacrament of Confirmation will attend 7 sessions (6:00-8:00pm):

- October 7
- November 4
- December 2
- January 6
- February 3
- March 3
- April 7

St. Aloysius Gonzaga School, St. Catharine of Siena School, Our Lady of Lourdes School, St. Martin of Tours Parish, PREP and Homeschool students will attend Family Monday sessions (6:00-8pm):

- September 23, 30
- October 7, 21, 28
- November 4, 18, 25
- December 2, 9, 16
- January 6, 13, 27
- February 3, 10, 24
- March 3, 10, 17, 24
- April 7, 14

Other Required Dates:

- **October 27, 12:30pm-2:00pm** - Candidate/ Sponsor Lunch at St. Antoninus Undercroft
- **March 9, 12:30pm** - Confirmation Rehearsal at St. Martin of Tours Church
- **January (date and time TBD) - Candidate Retreat**
- **March 11, 7:00pm** – Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains