



Confirmation Walkthrough Sheet

Confirmation, together with Baptism and Holy Communion, form the Sacraments of Initiation that are all intimately connected. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ. Confirmation deepens our Christian life which calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and world.

There are three main components for Confirmation. At St. Peter Chanel, Confirmation preparation is two-year process made up in three parts.

1. Integrated Faith Life – It is vital that children are participating in Sunday Mass and parish life with their families. This instills the importance of faith in their lives.

2. Foundational Formation - Preparing for these sacraments is a two-year process with families participating in our parish Family Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, Catholic school or an approved home school program. This helps build foundational knowledge of the faith. At St. Peter Chanel, children typically begin preparing for Confirmation in the fourth grade. Parents know their children best and we work with all families to develop an effective plan for their child to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation.

3. Specific Sacramental Preparation – After foundational formation needs have been met, students will receive Sacrament-specific preparation. This is typically the same year that students celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, as early as 6th grade.

NOTE: Sacraments are celebrated within the context of the parish community. Therefore, all parish families participate in this final step together, regardless of where or how the Foundational Formation is received.

For Those Just Starting Confirmation (YEAR 1)

In your first year of preparation, students will participate in foundation formation while living out an integrated faith life with their family. Students can expect to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation as early as Spring of 2025. Options for foundational formation are below.

- Family Faith Formation
- Youth Ministry
- Catholic school (Queen of Angels, SJBA, Blessed Trinity, etc.)
- Catholic home school program (ex. MODG)

Sacramental Preparation (YEAR 2)

In your second year of preparation students will continue to live out an **integrated faith life** with their family, getting involved in the life of the parish community. Additionally, they will continue **foundational formation**. Thirdly, students will complete **at-home family-centered lessons** (Live Binder) specific to the Sacrament of Confirmation. Finally, students will register and attend one of the following **in-person retreat** experiences:

For Middle School: Confirmation Retreat (6th – 8th) – February 2 -4th 2024 @ Camp Hidden Lake

For High Schooler: Fall Retreat @ Camp Covecrest with SPC *Youth Ministry* OR a retreat in the spring (**Tentative**) with SPC Youth Ministry.

At St. Peter Chanel, students may begin their “year two” formation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as early as 6th grade.

At-home family-centered lessons:

- ***What is Live Binder:*** It’s an online binder that will keep track of explorations throughout the year. Students will do the courses together with at least one parent and then submit a form at the end of each exploration. If you have correctly completed the Confirmation registration form, you will receive the first Live Binder link on October 1st, 2023.

Integrated Faith Life:

We use this term a lot, but what does it mean? Your family’s first priority should be attending Mass at least every Sunday. Receiving Christ in the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and all we do stems from that weekly grace. In addition, we encourage you and your teen to get involved in the life of the parish.

This can include volunteering in parish ministries like St. Vincent DePaul, helping as an usher or altar server at Mass, or attending parish social events. For middle and high school teens, the easiest way to make friends with peers is to participate in our Sunday Night Youth Ministry programs.

Other Important Dates:

Confirmation Rehearsal

- For March 2nd, 2024, 9am Mass - Feb 25th, 2024, 6:15 – 7:30pm
- For March 2nd, 2024, 1pm Mass – Feb 26th, 2024, 6:30 – 7:30pm

Confirmation Mass

- Celebrate Confirmation Sacrament Spring 2024 - current 6th and older on
March 2nd, 2024, 9am and 1pm

If you have any other questions about Confirmation, please reach out Ozzy Baez:

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