

Confirmation Specifics

Confirmation Candidates (juniors) and families, please keep the following in mind:

Elements of Confirmation Preparation Include:

- **Wednesday Faith Formation Sessions:** Juniors and their Adult Faith Mentor attend our regular Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes during the academic year. Wednesday evening Family Faith Formation meets approximately 2 times per month September -May.
- **Confirmation-specific sessions:** 8 sessions, held from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm, including 10:30 Mass at St. Paul Parish.
 - The first six of these sessions will be November 3, then December 8, January 5, February 2, March 8, and April 5 of 2019-20.
 - The remaining two sessions will be held right before our Confirmation in Fall of 2020. Dates for those are TENTATIVE but will likely be September 13 2020 and September 27, 2020.
- **Volunteering:** Confirmation Candidates need 20 hours of service during junior year/summer before senior year, 10 of which must be service through/to St. Paul Parish. Because we are doing so much Family Service as part of Evening Family Faith Formation, this is not a hard thing to do; most if not all those hours will be easily earned via our normal family service nights on various Wednesdays throughout the year.
- **Sponsor:** Please prayerfully consider who a good sponsor would be. Here are the requirements for a Confirmation sponsor:
 - He or she is at least 16 years old and already Confirmed themselves
 - A sponsor **MAY NOT** be the parent of the person seeking Confirmation
 - He or she takes their Catholic faith seriously: they love Jesus Christ and His Church; attend Mass each Sunday and on Holy Days; pray and read the Bible; serve others in their community
 - He or she is living out the virtue of Chastity to which all Christians are called: if he or she is married, their marriage is valid in the Catholic Church; if single, he or she is living their single life chastely (ie, not living with a partner outside of marriage).
 - If you are not sure about who to choose for a sponsor, talk to your parents or Maggie. Often grandparents or godparents are a great choice!
 - Please know who your sponsor will be by our first session, November 3, 2019.
- **Interviews:** held in the summer/fall just before Confirmation (ie, summer/fall 2020). Interviews are with Maggie. Interviews are held either at Coffee & Chocolate by Kimberly High School or at Seth's Coffee in Little Chute. Sign up is done online. Interviews are usually 20-30 minutes long.
- **Retreat:** February 15-16, 2020, overnight, at Mount Tabor Retreat Center in Menasha.
- **Saint Name:** each candidate will choose the name of a Saint who they would like to take for their Confirmation patron. We'll discuss different saints throughout the year. Saint names must be chosen by May, 2020.
- **Letter to the Bishop:** each candidate will write a letter to Bishop Ricken requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. Letters to the Bishop will be due by September 1, 2020. More information will be found in the Confirmation Binders distributed in November.

Dates to Mark Down/Reserve:

*Please tell your boss, coach, or other activity leader that you are unavailable the following times.
We have so few Confirmation sessions; each one is important.*

- **Sunday, November 3:** Session I: Candidates + Sponsors (if your sponsor lives out of town and can't attend, please attend with a parent instead). This session is longer than the others. It begins with 10:30 am Mass and ends at 2:30pm; includes brunch.
- **Sunday, December 8:** Session II: Candidates only. Begins with 10:30 am Mass, brunch, until 1:30pm
- **Sunday, January 5:** Session III: Candidates only. Begins with 10:30 am Mass, brunch, until 1:30pm
- **Sunday, February 2:** Session IV: Candidates only. Begins with 10:30 am Mass, brunch, until 1:30pm
- **Saturday & Sunday, February 15-16:** Confirmation Retreat, 24 hours, overnight. Held at Mount Tabor Retreat Center in Menasha. Begins at 10:00 am Saturday February 15; dismisses at 10:00 am Sunday February 16.
- **Sunday, March 8:** Session V: Candidates only. Begins with 10:30 am Mass, brunch, until 1:30pm
- **Sunday, April 5:** Session VI: Candidates only. Begins with 10:30 am Mass, brunch, until 1:30pm

Specific Dates not Yet Chosen:

- **Fall 2020 Session VII** [will be on a Sunday, like this year's classes, 10:30 Mass-1:30pm]
 - Specific date will depend on the fall calendar; we will avoid try to avoid conflicts with Kimberly and Kaukauna's Homecomings, Fox Cities Marathon, and the parish Fall Festival
 - TENTATIVE date is Sunday September 13.
 - Candidates only
- **Fall 2020 Session VIII** [will be on a Sunday, like this year's classes, 10:30 Mass-1:30pm]
 - Specific date will depend on the fall calendar; we will avoid try to avoid conflicts with Kimberly and Kaukauna's Homecomings, Fox Cities Marathon, and the parish Fall Festival
 - TENTATIVE date is Sunday September 27
 - Candidates only
- **Confirmation Practice & Final Session:** held at St. Paul Parish: the Saturday (day before) of Confirmation Weekend, 4 pm Mass until 6:30pm
 - Candidates + sponsors
 - We will share dinner together after Mass, and then practice and pray together
- **Confirmation Mass** at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay : date TBD [fall of senior year]
 - Mass is usually on a Sunday at either noon or 5pm [the Bishop's Office assigns us one of those options based on their numbers; we do not decide which Mass we're assigned]
 - The date/time for this will be released in early summer of 2020. As soon as I hear from the Bishop's Office which date Confirmation will be, I will let everyone know.
 - Please be at the Cathedral 45 minutes early. The Cathedral is about 40 minutes way from Kimberly/Combined Locks/Kaukauna.
 - Candidates + sponsors + families