

St. Matthew Catholic Church

Sacrament of Confirmation

INFORMATION FOR TRANSITION YEAR

Following diocesan guidelines, two full consecutive school years (Remote Preparation), beginning as early as the seventh grade of Catholic school or parish Faith Formation followed by a period of parish Faith Formation (Proximate Preparation), are required prior to receiving the sacrament of confirmation. Therefore, if your child is in public or private (not Catholic) school, your child must be registered in our Faith Formation confirmation process beginning in seventh grade in order to be confirmed in ninth grade.*

**During the 2018-2019 Faith Formation year, St. Matthew will transition from reception of the sacrament in the fall of 9th grade to the spring of 8th grade.*

Programming:

Teens entering 9th grade in the fall of 2018, who have completed the requisite two years of Catholic school or Faith Formation, will register for the Proximate Preparation Process: Confirmation 3. This process will run for five consecutive weeks, followed by a day retreat, reconciliation and reception of the sacrament in November 2018.

Youth entering 8th grade in the fall of 2018, who have completed 7th grade Catholic school or Faith Formation, will be confirmed in the spring of 2018 and will register as follows:

CATHOLIC SCHOOL youth enroll in our monthly program which meets for eight Sundays throughout the school year.

PUBLIC or PRIVATE (non-Catholic) SCHOOL youth enroll in our EDGE program which meets weekly throughout the school year.

- Catholic school students (MACS) fulfill the two years of faith formation requirement but need to fulfill the proximate sacramental preparation for confirmation.
- Students who do not attend Catholic School and would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation must have their child registered for EDGE youth ministry (7th & 8th Grade). They must complete two years of faith formation so if 8th grade is their first year of required faith formation, then they will continue their second year of faith formation their 9th grade year in our Chosen process.
- If your child is in high school and needs any of the sacraments of initiation (baptism, first holy Communion, or confirmation), they will register for the RCIT/Sacramental Prep session called Chosen.
- If your child is in middle school and needs baptism or first holy Communion, then they will register for the Special Sacraments Class. Contact Diane Kiradjieff for information about our Special Sacraments Class, dkiradjieff@stmatthewcatholic.org.

Schedule:

Please review the Confirmation Schedule based on which process you are registering your child for. Schedules will be available at www.stmatthewcatholic.org May 2018.

- Confirmation 3 (Must have completed Conf. 1 & 2 or attended Catholic School 7th & 8th Grade years)
- Chosen (RCIT/Sac. Prep.)
- 8th Grade EDGE (C2, completed C1)
- 8th Grade MACS
- 7th Grade EDGE (C1)

Important dates/Required meetings & events outside of regular class times based on the confirmation process your child is registered for (see specific schedule for all dates/times):

Confirmation 3	Chosen (RCIT/Sac. Prep.)	8 th Grade EDGE (C2)	8 th Grade MACS	7 th Grade EDGE (C1)
LIFE TEEN Kick-off 9/9	EDGE Kick-off 9/21	EDGE Kick-off 9/21	EDGE Kick-off 9/21	EDGE Kick-off 9/21
Youth Ministry Fall Festival, 10/21	Youth Ministry Fall Festival, 10/21	Youth Ministry Fall Festival, 10/21	Youth Ministry Fall Festival, 10/21	Youth Ministry Fall Festival, 10/21
Confirmation Day Retreat, 10/28	HS Winter Retreat 1/25-1/27	Ignite Conference 3/1-3/3	Ignite Conference 3/1-3/3	EDGE Winter Retreat (Optional) 11/30-12/2
Reconciliation 11/15	Rehearsal (RCIT) Date: TBD	Confirmation Rehearsal Date: TBD	Confirmation Rehearsal Date: TBD	
Confirmation Mass 11/16-11/17	Easter Vigil (RCIT) 4/20	Confirmation Mass Date: TBD	Confirmation Mass Date: TBD	
LIFE TEEN Initiation 11/18	Confirmation Rehearsal Date: TBD	LIFE TEEN Initiation 5/19	LIFE TEEN Initiation 5/19	
	Confirmation Mass Date: TBD			
	LIFE TEEN Initiation 5/19			