St. Matthew Catholic Church

Office of Faith Formation: Youth, Family and Sacraments



Confirmation Process: Planning Guide (7th Grade in 2025)

Summer 2025		
Choose no more than two topics		
☐ Trinity ☐ Jesus Christ ☐ Morality ☐ The Church ☐ Sacraments ☐ Revelation		
☐ Skip Summer Session		
Fall 2025	Winter 2026	Spring 2026
Choose one topic or skip	Choose one topic or skip	Choose one topic or skip
Sacraments	Trinity	Morality
Revelation	☐ Jesus Christ	☐ The Church
Skip Fall Trimester	Skip Winter Trimester	Skip Spring Trimester
Be The Church Experiences 2025-2026		
1.	3.	5.
2.	4.	6.
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Summer 2026		
Choose no more than two topics		
☐ Trinity ☐ Jesus Christ ☐ Morality ☐ The Church ☐ Sacraments ☐ Revelation		
Skip Summer Session		
Fall 2026	Winter 2027	Spring 2027
Choose one topic or skip	Choose one topic or skip	Choose one topic or skip
☐IGNITE	□IGNITE	☐IGNITE
	Sacraments	☐ Trinity
The Church	Revelation	Jesus Christ
Skip Fall Trimester	Skip Winter Trimester	Skip Spring Trimester
Be The Church Experiences 2025-2026 (nine if entering IGNITE)		
1.	4.	7.
2.	5.	8.
3.	6.	9.
Summer 2027		
Choose no more than two topics		
☐ Trinity ☐ Jesus Christ ☐ Morality ☐ The Church ☐ Sacraments ☐ Revelation		
Skip Summer Session		
Fall 2026	Winter 2027	Spring 2027
Choose one topic or skip	Choose one topic or skip	Choose one topic or skip
☐IGNITE	☐IGNITE	☐IGNITE
Skip Fall Trimester	Skip Winter Trimester	Skip Spring Trimester
Be The Church Experiences 2026-2027		
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3.	6.	9.

Requirements for Confirmation: Completion of all six topics followed by IGNITE session and parent-teen day retreat, required number Be The Church experiences for each year of Confirmation process. Be the Church FAQ on page 2.



BE THE CHURCH



Frequently Asked Questions:

- 1. **What is Be The Church?** St. Matthew's call to our youth to build a strong foundation in Christ through actively participating in St. Matthew's ministries. The goal is to learn more about themselves and how the Holy Spirit guides them to *live* an active life of faith.
- 2. Who needs to participate in Be The Church? Every child who is participating in our INVITED and IGNITE programs are expected to participate.
- 3. How many Be The Church activities does my child need to complete?
 - INVITED participants need to complete 6 Be The Church activities each year
 - IGNITE participants need to complete 9 Be The Church activities within their confirmation year
- 4. What counts as Be The Church activities? Middle and high schoolers can sign up for parish life experiences that are age appropriate by visiting the Be the Church Homepage. Our Youth Ministry events through Edge and LifeTeen are also opportunities the youth can take advantage of! Those events can be found at: stmatthewcatholic.org/youthministry.

Be The Church Homepage:

- 5. Where can we find Be The Church opportunities?
 - stmatthewcatholic.org/bethechurch OR by scanning this QR code
 - * Be sure to sign up for our Be The Church Newsletter!



- 6. Can we repeat the same activity so it counts more than once? Students can count a repeated ministry opportunity *TWICE*, no matter how often they attend.
- 7. **Does my child's volunteer work outside of St. Matthew count towards Be The Church?** Yes! Outside volunteer opportunities can be counted **ONCE** for Be The Church activities.
- 8. **Do Edge and LifeTeen events count towards Be The Church activities?** Yes! Visit their website to see upcoming events: *stmatthewcatholic.org/youthministry*
- 9. **My child completed a Be The Church activity, now what?** After each event your child will need to submit a Be The Church google form detailing their experiences. Scan the code on the back of this form to be taken to the online submission form, or visit: stmatthewcatholic.org/bethechurch
- 10. What does NOT count towards Be the Church? IGNITE or INVITED class times, regular weekend Mass attendance and Holy days of obligation do NOT count as Be The Church activities.
- 11. When do the activities need to be completed by? All google form submissions for Be The Church activities need to be completed by May 1st.