

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR 2026-2027 (TRADITIONAL)

 **Living a Sacramental Life:** Parents/Adults Sun. 8/16 9:15am or Thurs. 8/27 5pm at church

 **WEEKLY GATHERINGS:** Sundays 11:45am-1pm or Mondays 7:15-8:30 pm

 **YEAR 1 PARENT+CANDIDATE SESSION:**
Mon. 9/14 or Wed. 9/16 at 7:30pm

 **YEAR 1 RETREAT:** Sat. 10/24 from 1-6 pm or
Sun. 10/25 from 10:15am-3:15pm (tentative)

 **Special Participation at Mass**

 **YEAR 2 PARENT+CANDIDATE SESSION:**
Mon. 9/14 or Wed. 9/16 at 6:30pm

 **YEAR 2 RETREAT:** Sat. 3/13 from 1-6 pm
or Sun. 3/14 from 10:15am-3:15pm

 **YEAR 2 PARENT+CANDIDATE CATHEDRAL INFO SESSION:** Wed. 1/20 at 7:30pm **ONLINE**

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 **Dec. Rite of Enrollment:** Choose any Mass. Blessing for candidates + family.

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31	 Jan. Family Mass: Please join us at 10:30am. Potluck lunch to follow.					

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 **March Teaching Mass:** Attend any Mass for special instruction from Fr. Tim about why we do what we do.

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 **YEAR 2 IMMEDIATE PREP:**
Wed. 4/17 or 4/30 at 6pm + 7pm
IN CHURCH (tentative)

 **YEAR 1 PARENT+CANDIDATE WRAP-UP:**
Wed. 5/7 or 5/14 at 7 pm IN CHURCH

TRADITIONAL CANDIDATES

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL FAMILIES

Regular Participation at Mass: *Saturdays 5pm, Sundays 8:00am + 10:30am at St. Rita.*

Info Session: *Recording sent by email.* Please watch and send any questions you have.

Living a Sacramental Life: *Adults only, Sun. 8/16 9:15am or Thurs. 8/27 5pm at church.* Foundational support for you as a parent/caregiver living your faith and sharing your faith with your family.

Weekly Gatherings: *Sundays from 11:45am-1:00pm OR Mondays 7:15pm-8:30pm at St. Rita;* drop-off and pick-up at the barn. Year 1 + 2 candidates attend weekly through March. Weekly Gatherings fulfill the annual catechetical + service components. For the sake of community building, candidates should attend the session they registered for. Candidates may change days in case of illness or unavoidable conflict. Please email notice by 9:30am the day of the alternate session (do NOT text/call.)

Rite of Enrollment: *All Masses Sat. 12/6 + Sun. 12/7 in the church.* Please attend ONE of these Masses for candidates and families to receive a special blessing for their sacramental journeys.

Family Mass: *Sun. 1/17 10:30am Mass.* Candidates serve in liturgical ministries. Potluck lunch to follow.

ADDITIONAL YEAR 1 REQUIREMENTS

Year 1 Parent/Candidate Session: *Mon. 9/14 or Wed. 9/16 at 7:30pm.* A gathering to begin the Confirmation journey.

Retreat: *Sat. 10/25 from 1-6 pm or Sun. 10/26 from 10:15am-3:15pm at St. Rita.* Candidates should attend ONE Year 1 retreat. Each retreat includes Mass. We may cancel one depending on attendance. For other opportunities, Elizabeth will plan an additional teen retreat, or any Confirmation retreat in the diocese will count.

Year 1 Wrap-Up: *Wed. 5/7 or 5/14 at 7 pm in the church.* A capstone reflection for the year.

ADDITIONAL YEAR 2 REQUIREMENTS

Year 2 Parent/Candidate Session: *Mon. 9/14 or Wed. 9/16 at 6:30pm in the church.* A gathering to explore what it means to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Cathedral Info Session: *Wed. 1/20 at 7:30pm **ONLINE**.* Parents/adults, candidates, and sponsors (if possible) should attend to learn what to expect at the cathedral for the Rite of Confirmation.

Retreat: *Sat. 3/13 from 1-6 pm or Sun. 3/14 from 10:15am-3:15pm.* Candidates should attend ONE Year 2 retreat. Each retreat includes Mass. For other opportunities, Elizabeth will plan an additional teen retreat, or any Confirmation retreat in the diocese will count.

TBD:

- Information about choosing a Confirmation name (short video)
- Immediate Preparation (at St. Rita, see March for tentative options)
- Rehearsal (at St. Rita, within a week prior to the celebration)
- Rite of Confirmation: The bishop is expected to preside at this celebration scheduled by the Diocese.

The date is currently unknown. It is likely that we will celebrate on a weekday evening March through early May at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral.