

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR 2026-2027 (YOUTH GROUP)

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

 **WEEKLY GATHERINGS:** One Sunday a month at 4 pm **TBA**

 **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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 **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 (YOUTH GROUP)

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.

Youth Group Events: *Sundays TBA at St. Rita.* Candidates should attend the monthly YG event. Because there is only one a month, please try to prioritize it on your family's schedule. In case of illness, home sessions are available as makeups.

Home Sessions: Emailed to you weekly. Candidates should complete the home session every week, except the weeks they attend Youth Group events. (No home sessions on holidays or school breaks.)

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.