

2023-2024 Confirmation Preparation

Timeline

August

- Online Registration Due Date – Friday, August 25th, 2023
- First Large Group Session w/Parents and candidates 7pm Sunday, August 27th, 2023

Lesson 1: Why am I here? (An Introduction to *Chosen*)

September

- Small Group Session(s) **Lesson 2:** What makes me happy? (Discovering God as the Source) & **Lesson 3** What's your story, God? (A Look at Salvation History)

October

- Confirmation Retreat Sunday, October 8th, 2023 at Immaculate Heart of Mary (to begin at 11:15 Youth Mass with Candidate Commitment Ceremony)
- Service Opportunity @ Anna's House – Wednesday, October 25th, 2023 (each candidate should plan to serve one of the three Anna's House dates)
- Register Sponsors on IHM Confirmation Site before Saturday, October 28th, 2023
- Small Group Session(s) **Lesson 4:** How do I know God is real? (Understanding Divine Revelation); **Lesson 5:** Who is Jesus? (The Person and Mission of Christ) & **Lesson 6:** Why be Catholic? (Discovering the Church Jesus Founded)

November

- Large Group Session Candidate Sponsor Meeting 7pm Sunday, November 5th, 2023
- Youth Mass, 11:15 Sunday, November 12th, 2023
- Small Group Session(s) **Lesson 7:** Where am I going? (A Look at the Four Last Things); **Lesson 8:** How do I get there? (The Power and Purpose of the Sacraments) & **Lesson 9:** When did my journey begin? (Baptism, Your Initiation into God's Family)

December

- Youth Mass, 11:15 Sunday, December 10th, 2023
- Service Event -- Poinsettia Delivery Thursday, December 14th, 2023
- Small Group Session(s) **Lesson 10:** Why tell my sins to a priest? (The Healing Power of Confession) & **Lesson 11:** How does God help when it hurts? (Anointing of the Sick and Redemptive Suffering)
- Submit Confirmation Saint Name on IHM Confirmation Site (along with summary paragraph) prior to Friday, December 29th, 2023

January

- Youth Mass 11:15 Sunday, January 7th, 2024
- Letter to Arch Bishop submitted on IHM Confirmation Site by January 27th 2024
- Small Group Session(s) **Lesson 12:** Who is the Holy Spirit? (Meeting the Third Person of the Trinity); **Lesson 13:** What does the Holy Spirit do for me? (Gifts for the Journey); **Lesson 14:** Why have I been *Chosen*? (Sealed and Sent in Confirmation) & **Lesson 15:** Why do I have to go to Mass? (Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist)
- Service Opportunity @ Anna's House – Wednesday, January 24th, 2024 (each candidate should plan to serve one of the three Anna's House dates)

February

- Large Group Session Service & Creation Care 7pm Sunday, February 11th, 2024
- Youth Mass, 11:15 Sunday, February 11th, 2024
- Small Group Session(s) **Lesson 16:** What does it mean to say "I do"? (Marriage a Sign of God's Love); **Lesson 17:** Who's calling? (Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment); **Lesson 18:** Are you talking to me? (Getting to Know God Through Prayer) & **Lesson 19:** Who is Mary? (Meeting the Mother of God- and Your Heavenly Family)
- Service Opportunity @ Anna's House – Wednesday Feb 28th, 2024 (each candidate should plan to serve one of the three Anna's House dates)

March

- Youth Mass, 11:15 Sunday, March 10th, 2024
- Small Group Session(s) **Lesson 20**: What would Jesus do? (The Beatitudes as a Path to True Happiness); **Lesson 21**: Do I have what it takes? (Building Virtue- Your Spiritual Workout); **Lesson 22**: Why wait? (God's Plan for Love and Sex) & **Lesson 23**: How do I build the kingdom? (Saying 'Yes' to the Mission of Christ and His Church)

April

- Youth Mass, 11:15 Sunday, th, 2024
- Large Group Session/Wrap-Up 7pm Sunday, April 14th, 2024 **Lesson 24**: Where do I go from here? (The Journey Continues)
- Reconciliation Week

Confirmation Mass Wednesday, Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Meet the candidates: 6:00 pm, Assembly Hall

Mass: 7:00 pm, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral

Parishes:

Christ the King

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Holy Name

Service Projects:

Anna's House

Poinsettia's

Children's Liturgy