

# 2024-2025 Confirmation Preparation

## Timeline

### August

- Online Registration Due Date – Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- First Large Group Session w/Parents and candidates 7pm Sunday, September 8th, 2024
  - **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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Immaculate Heart of Mary (to begin at 11:15 Youth Mass with Candidate Commitment Ceremony)
- Service Opportunity @ Anna's House – Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024 (each candidate should plan to serve one of the three Anna's House dates)
- Register Sponsors on IHM Confirmation Site before Thursday, October 31st, 2024
- 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 3rd, 2024
- Youth Mass, 11:15 Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Service Event -- Poinsettia Delivery Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- 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 , Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

## January

- Youth Mass 11:15 Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Letter to Archbishop submitted on IHM Confirmation Site by January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 (each candidate should plan to serve one of the three Anna's House dates)

## February

- Youth Mass, 11:15 Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Large Group Session Service & Creation Care 7pm Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (each candidate should plan to serve one of the three Anna's House dates)

## March

- Youth Mass, 11:15 Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- 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

- Large Group Session/Wrap-Up 7pm Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 **Lesson 24**: Where do I go from here? (The Journey Continues) (EASTER is April 20<sup>th</sup>)
- Reconciliation Week

Confirmation Mass Wednesday, Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

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

Service Projects:

Anna's House

Poinsettia's

Children's Liturgy Of the Word (CLOW)

Altar Server