



**St. Joseph's & St. Paul's Parish  
Holy Mother & Child Parish  
2023-2024 Confirmation Preparation Program**

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**By the power of the Spirit you have each been called – Alleluia, Alleluia**

*Suddenly a sound came from heaven like a rush of mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:2-4)*

**Confirmation** – The unique coming of the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit who dwells in all people and comes in every sacrament. Those who are confirmed are gifted with the Spirit and thereby strengthened in their Christian life of holiness, witness and service.

<b>Schedule</b>	Confirmation Orientation	11/5/23	following 8:30 & 10:30 AM Mass (with Parents)
	Advent Session	12/2/23	1:00-3:30 PM @ St. Joseph's (open to parish)
	Confirmation Enrollment Mass	12/2/23	4:00 PM @ St. Joseph's
	Preparation Session #1	1/7/24	7:00-8:30 PM @ St. Joseph's
	Preparation Session #2	2/4/24	7:00-8:30 PM @ St. Joseph's
	Preparation Session #3	3/10/24	7:00-8:30 PM @ St. Joseph's
	Retreat (Holy Mother & Child)	3/16/24	9:00-5:00 PM (attend 4:00 PM Mass)
	Preparation Session #4	4/14/24	7:00-8:30 PM @ St. Joseph's
	Final Session / Rehearsal	TBD	Prior to Confirmation (with Parents/Sponsors)
	Confirmation	TBD	per Bishop's Schedule (mid-April to mid-May)

**Our Curriculum** Decision Point – Dynamic Catholic (Matthew Kelley)  
Catechism of the Catholic Church/YOUCAT

**Service Projects** Individual Service Projects – chosen by the individual  
Other Potential Spring Service Project(s) – Mary's Haven, Parish Spring Cleanup, etc.



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**Diocesan Confirmation Guidelines and or local Parish Policies**

- Candidate must be baptized
- Candidate is minimally in Grade 10 or 15 years of age
- If a youth, candidate is practicing in the parish's faith formation program at least one year prior to the immediate preparation for Confirmation
- Candidate participates fully in the immediate preparation for Confirmation
- Candidate shows a sincere desire to live his/her faith as a disciple of Jesus with the Catholic community
- Candidate has a sponsor who meets the requirements for Confirmation

**Additional Diocesan Guidelines and our local Parish Policies**

- Candidate must attend all preparation sessions
- Candidate must participate in a parish approved Confirmation retreat
- Candidate must participate in community service – an apprenticeship for their role as a Catholic adult
- Candidate may have a final interview with the Pastor, Confirmation Coordinator or Parish Life Director

**Frequently Asked Questions**

What is the parent's role?

What is the community's role?

What is the sponsor's role?

Who can be a sponsor?

What is a Confirmation name?

Does the candidate need a Confirmation name?

Are there any additional fees?

How much community service is required?

When/Where is Confirmation?