

St. Mary Magdalene Confirmation 2021-2022

Yearly Guidelines

- ❖ Sessions will be held on one Sunday per month in the evening. Candidates will choose to attend either 4:15-5:45pm or 7-8:30pm.
- ❖ Candidates must make a faithful effort to attend all Confirmation sessions and events. Candidates will not be allowed to miss more than 2 gatherings. If they miss more than 2, the candidate must participate in a make-up activity.
- ❖ Candidates and parents must participate in an interview during Year 1 and Year 2 of preparation.

Sponsor Guidelines

- ❖ Candidates must choose one sponsor by January of their 1st year of preparation.
- ❖ Sponsor must be at least 16 years of age and sufficiently mature, a Confirmed and practicing Catholic. Sponsor may NOT be the candidate's parents
- ❖ Sponsors attend one "Sponsor Night" per year with their candidate and the designated Mass Blessings (see calendar for specific dates).

Mass + Dinner ("Let's Taco 'bout it")

- ❖ Candidates have two scheduled Masses to attend per year with their parent or sponsor for a special blessing. (see calendar for specific dates)
- ❖ After Mass, candidates only will go to the hall for dinner and Q & A with the leadership team.

Retreat Guidelines

- ❖ Candidates must attend 1 retreat per year.
- ❖ If a candidate is unable to attend our retreat, they must notify Kia immediately and make arrangements to attend another parish's retreat
- ❖ Candidates MUST attend the full retreat each year, **from start to finish**. Candidates may not arrive late, leave early, or be gone for a period of time during the retreat.

Service Hours

- ❖ Candidates must participate in 2 hours of parish service and 2 hours of community service per year.
- ❖ Each candidate must keep track of their own service hours throughout the year.
- ❖ Candidates must turn in their completed online Service Form by April 1, 2022.

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Confirmation Goals

Help teens to:

- ❖ Have the desire to attend and be active in their faith formation
- ❖ Understand, attend, and relate to weekly Mass
- ❖ Understand their Catholic faith and how it relates to Christianity at large
- ❖ Understand the history and development of our faith
- ❖ Come to real faith conclusions and use it in daily life habits and practices
- ❖ Develop a deeper commitment to social justice and helping others
- ❖ Develop a trusting relationship with their team leaders and group so that they can discuss challenges and feelings
- ❖ Develop a rewarding prayer life
- ❖ Build a stronger Catholic teen community and fellowship
- ❖ Understand the sacrament of Confirmation and its relevance in their faith journey
- ❖ Select and develop a deeper spiritual relationship with a Sponsor
- ❖ Offer engaging and spiritually enriching retreats
- ❖ Get the most from their Confirmation gatherings by making them interesting, valuable and faith enhancing
- ❖ Connect to their parish and Catholic faith so they continue their involvement after Confirmation and into adulthood

Help parents to:

- ❖ Be active partners in their teen's faith life through family activities at home and in the parish and through parent education
- ❖ Be spiritually inspired in order to better support their teen's faith growth