



Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Eighth Grade Confirmation
Candidate Schedule
2023-2024

Sunday, September 17, 2023 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Parent and Candidate meeting in the Church

Sunday, January 21, 2024 11:00 AM Mass

Rite of Enrollment during Mass

12:15 PM - 2:00 PM

Candidate Only meeting (lunch provided)

Friday, March 8, 2024 - Sunday, March 10, 2024

Confirmation Retreat for candidates at Damascus Catholic Mission Campus

Sunday, March 17, 2024 12:15 PM - 2:15 PM

Confirmation candidates and sponsors meeting in the church

(lunch provided)

Saturday, April 6, 2024 10:00 AM

Confirmation at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral (Toledo)

**** Arrive no later than 9:30 AM****

Sunday, April 7, 2024 11:00 AM Mass

Confirmandi Recognition at Sacred Heart Church

****Certificate presentation during Mass and reception to follow**

Sacred Heart Confirmation Preparation Requirements for 8th Grade:

- We cannot live the Catholic Christian life without serving one another. Our service is to be done in the name of Jesus Christ, and our reward is that He knows and is pleased with our work. Your service as a Confirmation Candidate, and adult in the Church, must be done in this spirit. Beginning last year, you were asked to complete at least 6 service projects over these two years of preparation. Each one should be identified by a different Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy. There is a guide sheet to be completed respectfully and prayerfully for each service you choose.
- Choose a Confirmation name. You will be asked to prayerfully choose a saint that you have a special connection with and complete a report.
- Complete the *Faith to Faith* magazine sessions, with your sponsor, by the spring of your 8th grade year. Please return the form signed by a parent once it is completed. The magazine and form were given to you at the candidate/sponsor meeting last year.
- The candidate is to write a letter of intent to Fr. Chris Kardzis. In this letter, you will explain why you desire to be confirmed, how you have prepared, and what this journey has meant to you. There is not a right or wrong answer to this letter; it should be from your heart and reflect your own personal feelings about Confirmation. It will need to be turned in before or at the 8th grade Candidate/Sponsor meeting on March 17, 2024.
- The sponsor is to write a letter to Fr. Chris Kardzis recommending the candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This letter should explain what the candidate has done to prepare (discussions, works of mercy, attended meetings/religion classes) and state that you feel he/she is ready for reception of this sacrament. It will need to be turned in before or at the Candidate/ Sponsor meeting on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

Both 7th and 8th Grade Years:

- The celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Weekly Mass attendance is expected.
- Attend religion class regularly: either through Family Faith Formation program on Sundays or a Catholic school.
- Candidates must attend the designated sessions for 7th grade and the designated sessions/retreat for 8th grade preparation. These sessions and the 8th grade retreat are mandatory and an excused absence is required.

**If you have questions, please contact:
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