



St. Thomas
the
Apostle Church

Confirmation 2024-2025 Itinerary

REQUIREMENTS:

The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in the fall after a period of preparation that runs from 7-9th grade. This year's activities include:

- Participate in Mass and Holy Days of Obligation
- Participation in Youth Ministry
- Participating in the Faith Formation classes and activities listed below
- Stewardship to church, family and community through service projects
- Choosing a qualified Sponsor and Saint Confirmation name
- Participating in Rite of Enrollment Mass
- Participating in Confirmation Liturgy

DATES OF SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES:

- **August 18, 2024 from 11:00-1:00** (Candidates and Parents should attend)
 - Theme: *Our Catholic Faith*
 - Agenda:
 - 11:00 a.m. Mass
 - 12:00- What to Expect in Preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
 - Candidates should come prepared to complete Sponsor forms
 - Recordkeeping Information Sheet will also be distributed for completion.
 - 12:30- Parents – Powerpoint Presentation / Candidates – Safe Environment Training
 - 1:00- Dismissal
- **September 22, 2024- Youth Ministry- 6-8 pm**
- **October 7, 2024 from 11:00-2:00**
 - Theme: *The Sacraments*
 - Agenda:
 - 11:00 a.m. Mass
 - Meeting in lower level of the church
 - 12:00 Lunch
 - 12:30-2:00
 - Candidates should come prepared to share their confirmation name.
 - Candidates should begin to work on their saint project.
 - Candidates should also come prepared with the name of their sponsor.
 - We'll also be discussing the sacraments of initiation, healing and service.

October 19, 2024- Walk in Their Footsteps- Awareness of Homelessness, Times to be Announced

- **October 27, 2024- Youth Ministry- 6-8 pm**

- **December 8, 2024- 12:00-2:00 p.m.**

- Theme: *Expressing Our Faith*
- Agenda:
 - 11:00 a.m. Mass
 - 12:00 p.m. Lunch in the lower level of the church
 - 12:30-2:00 p.m. Collection for local food pantries, Life curriculum, and introduction of *Faith at Home/On Your Own* projects

- **January 26, 2025 - Office Hours Only**

There will be no in-person confirmation prep activities in January or February (except for youth ministry) However, candidates will be expected to work on their *Faith at Home/On Your Own* scripture project and stewardships requirements.

Office hours with Mrs. Mascola will be available for help on these items and to answer any general questions regarding the preparation process. Scheduled Office hours are on the following date, or by appointment:

Sunday, January 26, 2025 from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

- **February 23, 2025- Youth Ministry- 6-8 pm**

- **March 9, 2025 – 9:00 Mass- followed by Community Outreach -Dismissal 2:30**

- Theme: *Living our Faith – Service and Stewardship*
- Agenda:
 - 9:00 a.m. Mass
 - 10:00 a.m. Breakfast & Meeting
 - 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Groups depart to engage in various service projects throughout the community.
 - 2:00 Return for Prayer and Reflection

- **May 18, 2025 from 4:30-6:30 (Parents and Candidates and/or Sponsors)**

- Theme: Living a Perpetually Authentic Life
- Agenda
 - 4:30- Dinner in the lower level of the church
 - 5:00-6:30- Various Individuals from the church/community will share practical examples of how they're living God's Call to "go in peace and serve the Lord and one another."
 - Confirmation Candidates should be prepared to share one or two of their completed service projects with the panel

- **June 8, 2025– Mass and Right of Enrollment**

- 11:00 a.m. Mass - You have prepared yourself for the Sacrament of Confirmation by prayer and study in your home and in our parish community. You have chosen to present yourself as a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We as a parish acknowledge your desire to be further initiated into the life of the Church.
- 12:00 p.m. Reception for Candidates, Parents/Guardians, and sponsors (if possible) to celebrate the completion of your preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates can also submit any outstanding Stewardships service project forms.
- The next time we'll be together will be at the Confirmation Liturgy in the Fall of 2025 (Reconciliation)

STEWARDSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates are expected to complete three projects in each of the following areas: Church, Family, and Community. Opportunities to volunteer at church (as well as ideas for community service) will be sent periodically.