

# Confirmation Year 2 Overview

- Please be sure you are signed up for Flocknote. This will be the primary way we communicate with you (via email/text). If you don't already receive notifications from St. Mary's, please text **Jesus2018** to 84576.
- What is Confirmation and why do we need it? Watch the "Sacraments 101: Why We're Confirmed" video by Busted Halo: <https://safeyoutube.net/w/JVZcb>
- Look up the Biblical foundations of Confirmation in your Bible (or Google these verses)
  - Acts 8:12-20
  - Acts 19:1-7
  - Hebrews 6:1-12
- Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation are actually part of one rite; they are not three separate rites. Confirmation completes the Sacraments of Initiation. We are filled with grace and receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, especially with the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit.
- Part of our Confirmation Preparation includes the online learning modules through Called to Mercy. Watch this video for more info: <https://safeYouTube.net/w/jvXdb> Be sure to follow the instructions in your red folder for how to set up your account.
- Part of Confirmation preparation is attending weekly youth group on the Wednesday nights we don't meet, OR attending Family Catechesis on Sundays. While our Confirmation meetings will start and end in the youth room (parish office basement), Wednesday Youth Group and Sunday Family Catechesis will both meet in the Parish Center. Youth Group will enter and exit the Parish Center Upper Level through the breezeway doors. Follow the St. Mary's Ministry calendar—should have received packet in the mail (there's also a copy in your red folder). Please review the health guidelines from the mailing – masks must be worn upon entrance and exit.
- You have a received a red folder and a blue notebook. You will need to bring those with you each time we meet. Your blue notebook is your journal and will be used for Mass reflections, your answers to discussion questions, and anything else you want to write about. Your red folder has important information about Confirmation, as well as expectations and requirements. The papers on the right side are for you to keep and have easy access to info:
  - Ministry calendar with meeting dates – this has all the meeting dates for St. Mary's ministry programs
  - Confirmation Calendar and Due Dates – you'll want to check this often to keep track of due dates for modules and assignments

- Log-in info for Called to Mercy – this gives instructions for enrolling and logging in. Be sure to write down your username and password! Don't forget to set up your profile.
- Confirmation Information Overview – this is a “summary” of important components for your Confirmation
- Saint reflection/Service project paper guidelines (Look at BOTH sides. BOTH papers must be written, due on different dates, though it's okay to turn in early—especially the saint report)
- Mass Journal info – write down one thing you got out of Mass in your blue journal. You'll start reflections on September 30.
- Forms in left side pocket – things for you to turn in.
  - Personal information – Due September 30 (or earlier).
  - Confirmation commitment form – must be signed by teen and parent. Due September 30.
  - Sponsor form – Due Dec. 9. Be sure to review sponsor eligibility.
- Review blue journal (for Mass reflection, notes, and journaling).
- Our retreat (typically held in November) has been postponed to the Spring. It is tentatively in Feb./March (date TBD). More information will be forthcoming after the start of the new year. Registration form is due February 10, 2021 (I will send it home in Jan/Feb., along with a packing list). Cost is included in your Confirmation registration fee. It's a good time. 😊 It can also be a really transformative time.
- Overview of Mass reflection: This takes the place of Mass attendance. You'll record the date, what parish you're at (or livestreaming), the priest's name (if you know it), and one thing you got out of Mass. Keep up to date in your journal; I'll occasionally check the reflections or ask you to share a takeaway.
- During the year, you will be working on a Catholic project that you will present during one of our last two gatherings. This is your time to get creative!
- You are not alone on this journey. We have members of our St. Mary community to walk with you. Your parents and sponsor are also here to journey with you. Right now let's take a minute for conversation. **Parents, I'd like you to talk with your teen(s). Tell them what you remember about your own Confirmation. What was your preparation like? What is your saint name and why did you pick that saint? What do you remember of your own Confirmation Mass? Most importantly, express to your teen why you want them to be confirmed. Teens, you can share with your parents why you want to be confirmed. Or, if you're not sure, express those hesitations to your parent.**
- Our first Confirmation gathering is September 30th in the youth room (downstairs parish office) from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Please be sure to have everything completed by then. Make sure you pay attention to your calendars!
- **If you were not baptized at St. Mary's, I need a COPY of your Baptismal Certificate. This is REQUIRED before you can be Confirmed!**