

## Dear Parents:

We're excited to invite your son or daughter to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation with Holy Spirit Catholic Church. In November of 2023, Bishop Johnston introduced The Way: Youth to Young Adult Initiative. Within this comprehensive path of faith formation from infancy to young adulthood is the lowering of the age for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Beginning in Fall 2024, the ordinary age for preparation and reception of Confirmation is 6th grade.

Our Confirmation program is designed to unite these young Catholics more solidly in Christ. It is our hope that your youth will begin a lifelong journey that empowers them to live as a disciple of Jesus in the world today, drawing closer to God through participation in the life of the Church.

With this hope in mind, there are many pieces to the Confirmation preparation process. Our preparation program consists of small discipleship groups, Service Saturdays, a retreat experience, and candidate/sponsor meetings.

Please plan to attend an informational parent meeting which will provide a program overview, expectations, necessary paperwork, and calendar. This meeting will be held numerous times. It is required that a parent attend one of the informational meetings for their youth to be registered in the Confirmation program. These will be held in the AB meeting rooms. If your child was not baptized at Holy Spirit, please call the church of baptism prior to the informational meeting to get a copy of their baptismal certificate to bring with you. We ask you to carefully look over the commitment required to prepare to receive this sacrament and help your child prayerfully discern if they are ready to make this commitment.

Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:30

Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30

Wednesday, August 13th @ 6:00

Blessings,

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PS: This mailing is sent according to birthdates, and you may be receiving it in error. Confirmation 2026 is open to all youth in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades who have not received the Sacrament.