



# Confirmation Classes

## INFORMATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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The celebration and reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation marks the completion of the Sacraments of Initiation and is a sign of Christian, spiritual maturity. In the Diocese of Springfield, Confirmation is received at the 9th grade level. We are happy to offer Confirmation preparatory classes for our Catholic students. Confirmation classes are not required and students may opt to be a part of their parish's CCD classes. While Confirmation is received in 9th grade, classes are open to all students and grade levels. It is important to note that while preparation takes place in school, students are to receive the sacrament in their own home parish.

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### SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Each class will meet 4 times during the school year. Class meeting times and dates will be emailed to students and announced in Theology classes.

### CONFIRMATION AND SERVICE HOURS

Pope Francis Prep requires that each student complete 25 service hours. Of those required hours, for the purpose of this class, students are required to complete at least 5 service hours within their own parish community. Students must communicate with their parish religious education program director for these opportunities. Documentation of these hours must be logged in X2vol (the portal for recording service hours).

\*\*The Confirmation Mass will take place in the student's home parish. It is the responsibility of each student to contact the parish regarding service opportunities as well as the date for their Confirmation\*\*

### RETREAT

Students must attend a day-long retreat. The PFPS class retreats count towards this requirement. Students should look for other opportunities within their parish or, for example, the Steubenville East Conference. Please note: Your parish may require you to attend the parish retreat.

### HOMEWORK

Saint: Each student will be required to complete an essay on the saint's name that they have chosen for Confirmation. Directions and due date will be announced in class. Lent: Each student will be required to complete a project for Lent. Directions will be given in class.

### DOCUMENTATION

Each student is required to turn in copies of their Baptism and First Holy Communion records along with the registration form. Sponsor information is required along with this paperwork.

### **SPONSOR**

Each student is to choose a sponsor for Confirmation. A sponsor must be a practicing Catholic – someone who attends Mass regularly. Documentation will be required to attest to a person’s suitability. A sponsor must be at least 17 years of age or older and have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sponsor documentation must be submitted along with sacramental records and registration forms.

### **MASS**

Students must attend Mass every Sunday in their own parish and on Holy Days of Obligation – which often happen in school.

### **CONFESSION**

Students will be required to go to confession before the Confirmation Mass in their parish. Most parishes have opportunities for confession each week, usually on Saturday afternoon. Please check with your parish’s religious education program for an event specific to this purpose.