

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
Youth Confirmation
2024-2025

Our aim is to prepare youth for the sacrament of confirmation over the course of two years by taking them through a study of the Scriptures and the doctrine of the Church.

Year 2024-2025: We will be reading together the *Youcat* (Youth Catechism) to discuss in an accessible and comprehensive way the teachings that the Church hands on to us.

Year 2025-2026: We will be watching and discussing the *Bible Project* video series and reading selections from each biblical book to gain an understanding of our own roles within the story of God's redemption of the world.

Our hope is that through a focus on the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church our youth will come away with a greater understanding of who God is, what he has done for us through his Son, Jesus, and how we are to live in light of this knowledge.

Schedule

August 17 – Faith Formation Kick-Off

August 25 – Orientation/Session 1

September 8 – Session 2

September 22 – Session 3

October 6 – Session 4

October 20 – Session 5; Parent and Sponsor Session

October 27 – Discipleship Conference 1

November 3 – Session 6

November 17 – Session 7

December 1 – Session 8

December 8 – Discipleship Conference 2

December 15 – Session 9

January 5 – Session 10

January 19 – Session 11

February 2 – Session 12

February 16 – Session 13

March 2 – Session 14

March 8 – Retreat

March 16 – Session 15

March 23 – Discipleship Conference 3

April 6 – Session 16

April 27 – Session 17; Parent and Sponsor Session

May 4 – Session 18

May 18 – Session 19

Confirmation Date – TBD

Session Rundown

11:15 Sign-in;
pizza and snacks

11:30-12:55 pm
Q&A
YouCat reading
and discussion

1 pm Wrap Up;
Basketball and
other games for
those interested

Attendance – No more than 2 absences are permitted per year. If more absences accrue, make up work must be completed to meet the requirements to be Confirmed at the end of the 2nd year.

Parent and Sponsor sessions – These sessions are geared to helping parents and sponsors support their youth through the Confirmation process.

Discipleship Conferences – Youth will meet one on one with a mentor for 20-30 minutes three times per year to discuss their spiritual life, growth in virtue, and readiness for Confirmation.

Retreat – The Retreat is a whole day affair and per Diocesan guidelines, is mandatory.

Service hours – First year students are expected to complete 10 hours; second year students are asked to complete 20 hours. Half of service hours are to be done at OLG.

Mass – Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy days of Obligation is a crucial part of one's preparation for Confirmation. By registering for Confirmation preparation, you are committing to weekly Mass attendance.