Yellow = Candidate/Sponsor Activities (Confirmation Only)  White = Seminars & Classes (Public School Only)  Orange = Fall Session Only  Purple = Winter Session Only  Blue = Spring Session Only  Red = Special					These columns should help you figure out which events your child is to attend on their own or with (a) parent(s).									
2022-23 HS Formation Events (FALL)				Who is this Event For?										
Date	Time	Location	Event Details	9 <sup>th</sup> Grd	10 <sup>th</sup> Grd	11A Fall Pub.	11B Wint. Pub.	11C Spr. Pub.	11A Fall Cath.	11B Wint. Cath.	11C Spr. Cath.	+ Parents	+ Sponsors	
7/7	N/A	Online	Registration Opens at www.hffdl.org/hs	<b>V</b>	V	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Y</b>	V	V	<b>V</b>			
Month of August		Online	Select a Confirmation Sponsor at www.hffdl.org/hs			Y	>	>	V	N	<b>Y</b>		<b>V</b>	
9/9	N/A	Online	Registration Closes	V	V	V	~	V	V	V	~			
9/11/22	4-5pm	Sacred Heart	Parent Meeting Option 1 & 2									abla		
9/18/22	10:15-11am	Sacred ficare	Attend one or the other.									Ľ		
9/18/22	4-5:30pm	Sacred Heart	Safeguarding Session & Drills	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	$\checkmark$	<b>V</b>	$\checkmark$				<u> </u>		
9/25/22	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Fall Session, Sunday Meeting 1 (Potluck Lunch)			$\checkmark$			$\checkmark$			(Mass at 11)		
Month of Septe	ember	At-Home	Select a Prayer for the Year with Sponsor.			<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	V	<b>V</b>		<b>V</b>	
10/2/22	4-5:30pm	SH School	Lesson 1 (9th) & Lesson 7 (10th)	<b>\</b>	V									
10/9/22	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Fall Session, Sunday Meeting 2 (Potluck Lunch)			V			V			(Mass at 11)		
10/16/22	4-6pm	Sacred Heart	Identity Seminar	<b>\</b>	V	\ \	<b>\</b>	>				V		
10/23/22	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Fall Session, Sunday Meeting 3 (Potluck Lunch)			V			V			(Mass at 11)		
10/30/22	4-5:30pm	SH School	Lesson 2 (9th) & Lesson 8 (10th)	V	V									
Month of Octo	ber	At-Home	Sponsor selects a faith activity for the month.			<b>\</b>	V	Y	V	N	<b>Y</b>		V	
11/6/22	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Fall Session, Sunday Meeting 4 (Potluck Lunch)			V			V			(Mass at 11)		
11/13/22	4-5:30pm	SH School	Lesson 3 (9th) & Lesson 9 (10th)	>	V									
11/18— 11/20/22	7pm (F)—10am (Su)	Camp Vista	Fall Confirmation Retreat, Drop Off at SH Church Parking Lot, Pick Up from Camp Vista						$\checkmark$			(Sun. Mass, 9am at Vista)		
11/27/22	N/A	At-Home	At-Home Advent Activities Instructions available at www.hffdl.org/hs	<b>\</b>	V	\ \	<b>V</b>	>				V		
Month of November		Online	Select Confirmation Saint at www.hffdl.org/hs			~	~	V	V	V	~		<b>V</b>	
12/4/22	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Winter Session, Sunday Meeting 1 (Potluck Lunch)				V			N		(Mass at 11)		
12/11/22	4-5:30pm	Sacred Heart	Lesson 4 (9th) & Lesson 10 (10th)	V	V									
12/18/22	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Winter Session, Sunday Meeting 2 (Potluck Lunch)				V			N		(Mass at 11)		
Month of December		At-Home	Volunteer for Advent with Sponsor.			V	V	V	<b>V</b>	V	<b>V</b>		<b>V</b>	



2022-23 HS Formation Events (SPRING)					Who is this Event For?									
Date	Time	Location	Event Details	9 <sup>th</sup> Grd	10 <sup>th</sup> Grd	11A Fall Pub.	11B Wint. Pub.	11C Spr. Pub.	11A Fall Cath.	11B Wint. Cath.	11C Spr. Cath.	+ Parents	+ Sponsors	
1/8/23	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Winter Session, Sunday Meeting 3 (Potluck Lunch)				V					(Mass at 11)		
1/15/23	4-6pm	SH School	Poverty Seminar & Service Day	>	V	V	N	<b>V</b>				V		
1/22/23	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Winter Session, Sunday Meeting 4 (Potluck Lunch)				N			V		(Mass at 11)		
1/27— 1/29/23	7pm (F)—10am (Su)	Camp Vista	Winter Confirmation Retreat, Drop Off at SH Church Parking Lot, Pick Up from Camp Vista				V			V		(Sun. Mass, 9am at Vista)		
Month of Janua	Month of January		Candidates & Sponsors attend Mass together.			V	>	~	N	V	~		V	
2/5/23	4-6pm	Sacred Heart	Family Reconciliation Night	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	$\checkmark$				<b>V</b>		
2/12/23	N/A	At-Home	At-Home Service Weekend Instructions available at www.hffdl.org/hs	V	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	V	$\checkmark$				<b>V</b>		
2/19/23	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Spring Session, Sunday Meeting 1 (Potluck Lunch)					$\checkmark$			$\checkmark$	(Mass at 11)		
2/19/23	6:30-8pm		Parish Mission, Option 1, 2, or 3											
2/20/23	6:30-8pm	Holy Family	Speaker: Bart Schuchts Attend either Sun, Mon, or Tues.	7	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	V	V				<b>V</b>		
2/21/23	6:30-8pm													
2/26/23	4-6pm	Holy Family	Lenten Practices & Stations	<b>Y</b>	~	<b>V</b>	>	~				<b>V</b>		
Month of Febr	uary	At-Home	Complete Confirmation Questionnaire at www.hffdl.org/hs			<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	$\checkmark$	V	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		V	
3/5/23	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Spring Session, Sunday Meeting 2 (Potluck Lunch)					$\checkmark$			$\checkmark$	(Mass at 11)		
3/10— 3/12/23	7pm (F)—10am (Su)	Camp Vista	Spring Confirmation Retreat, Drop Off at SH Church Parking Lot, Pick Up from Camp Vista					V			V	(Sun. Mass, 9am at Vista)		
3/19/23	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Spring Session, Sunday Meeting 3 (Potluck Lunch)					V			<b>V</b>	(Mass at 11)		
3/26/23	4-5:30pm	SH School	Lesson 5 (9th) & Lesson 11 (10th)	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>							(-1000 00 - 1)		
Month of Marc	ch	At-Home	Candidate & Sponsors make a joint Lenten commitment.			V	V	$\checkmark$	V	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>		V	
4/2/23	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Spring Session, Sunday Meeting 4 (Potluck Lunch)					V			<b>Y</b>	(Mass at 11)		
4/16/23	4-5:30pm	SH School	Lesson 6 (9th) & Lesson 12 (10th)	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>									
4/23/23	12pm-6pm	Holy Hill	Shrine Field Trip to Holy Hill. Depart from SH Church Parking Lot at 12pm, return to SH Church Parking Lot at 6pm.	V	~	V	V	<b>V</b>						
Month of April		At-Home	Candidate selects a faith activity for the month.			V	V	<b>V</b>	V	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>		V	
4/28/23 (Fri. PM)	Thurs 6-8pm (Rehearsal) Fri 7-10pm	Holy Family		Confirmation Liturgy Option 1 &			V	N	<b>V</b>	N	V	V		V
5/6/23 (Sat. AM)	Fri 6-8pm (Rehearsal) Sat 10am-1pm	Toty running	Confirmation Liturgy Option 2				1		1					
5/14/23	11am-1pm	Sacred Heart	Mass & Mystagogy (Potluck Lunch)			<b>V</b>	V	<b>V</b>	V		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		
6/4/23	5/4/23 11am-12pm Sacred Heart Special Graduation Mass for 12th Graders								N/	/A				

### **Enrichment Events**

(can be used as absence make-ups with coordinator approval)

Date	Time	Location	Event Details
1st Thursdays	6:30-8:30pm	Presentation Church	Cor Jesu: Adoration & Confessions, followed by Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays	7-8:30pm	Sacred Heart School	Youth Group + Candlelight Prayer Service
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays	7-8:30pm	Sacred Heart School	Service Night
10/1/2022	10am-6pm	Holy Hill	John Bosco Youth Day
12/22/2022	3:30-9:30pm	SFS Seminary	St. Andrew Dinner   Depart by car from Holy Family parking lot at 3:30pm.
1/20/2023	TBD	Washington DC	March for Life
3/15/2023	12:30-10pm	Milwaukee	Spring Break Tour (SMSA)   Basilica + Pizza + Cor Jesu (MKE)
4/5/2023	12:30-10pm	Milwaukee	Spring Break Tour (Fondy)   Basilica + Pizza + Cor Jesu (MKE)
TBD	TBD	Notre Dame, IN	ND Vision Conference
7/15—7/17/2023	TBD	Rochester, MN	Steubenville Conference

# Explanation of the Calendar

9th & 10th Grade: Classes + Seminars

**Confirmation Public:** Confirmation Session + Sponsor Activities + Seminars

**Confirmation Catholic:** Confirmation Session + Sponsor Activities

#### Classes

9th & 10th grade students meet in their classrooms in the Victory Center from 4-5:30pm for a video series and discussion with our catechists.

#### **Seminars**

All public-school students (9th–11th grade) come *with their parents or a parent* to a special seminar in Sacred Heart Church from 4-6pm. There are three notable exceptions to this:

- 1. Parish Mission: The Parish Mission takes place at Holy Family Church, and has three options for your attendance. If you attend more than one night of the parish mission, it will be counted as a make-up for another absence.
- 2. Lenten Practices & Stations: The Lenten Stations take place at Holy Family Church, NOT Sacred Heart.
- 3. Shrine Field Trip: The Shrine Field Trip departs from and returns to Sacred Heart parking lot WITHOUT parents. This is a student/catechist only trip; if parents want to attend they should contact the coordinator about assisting as a chaperone.

# **Sponsor Activities**

Sponsors & Candidates should meet monthly so that sponsors can adequately & actively mentor candidates over the course of the year. These activities can be done *any time* during the month, but should be completed by the last day of each month.

# <u>August - Deadline to Select Sponsor (STRICTLY REQUIRED):</u>

A person who is serving as a confirmation sponsor must: be designated by the one to be confirmed; be 16 years old; be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has received the sacrament of Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and role to be undertaken; not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.

### September - Select a Prayer for the Year:

Sponsors/Candidates should meet or call to discuss a prayer that they can both pray throughout the year as the candidate prepares for Confirmation.

## October - Sponsor's Choice:

Sponsor should select a prayer activity or practice to be undertaken with their candidate this month.

### <u>November - Select Saint (Confirmation) Name (STRICTLY REQUIRED):</u>

Sponsors should help candidates select their saint (confirmation name).

#### **December - Volunteer for Advent:**

Sponsors/Candidates should find some kind of service in the month of December to complete together.

### January - Attend Mass Together:

Sponsors/Candidates should attend Mass together this month.

## February - Confirmation Questionnaire (STRICTLY REQUIRED):

Sponsors should check in & make sure their candidate has completed the Confirmation Questionnaire, which will serve as their formal request to the Bishop to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

## **March - Joint Lenten Commitment:**

Sponsors/candidates should select a small practice they can undertake together during the season of Lent.

# **April - Candidate's Choice:**

Candidate should select a prayer activity or practice to be undertaken with their sponsor this month.

Prayer Ideas (especially for October & April): share a meal, learn about a saint, go to Adoration, complete an act of service, pray the rosary, discuss the Sunday readings, go to Confession, attend Cor Jesu, other meaningful activities.

#### **Confirmation Sessions**

(Fall Session) (Winter Session) (Spring Session)

### 4 Sunday Meetings at Sacred Heart Church:

Timeline of the Day: 10am Activity & Small Groups in SH Church  $\rightarrow$  11am Mass (with Parents)  $\rightarrow$  12pm Family Potluck in the Gym  $\rightarrow$  12:30pm Seminar & Small Groups (Parents Dismissed)  $\rightarrow$  1:30pm Adoration/Confession  $\rightarrow$  2pm Dismissal

Please bring a dish, drink, or paper item. Check the "Family Potluck" sheet at the HS Webpage to sign-up.

#### 1 Retreat:

#### Timeline:

- Friday, 7pm: Bus departs Sacred Heart Parking Lot for Camp Vista
- Saturday: Retreat
- Sunday, 9am: Mass with Parents at Camp Vista
- Sunday, 10am: Retreat Concludes, Families Dismissed

#### Locations to Know:

- Sacred Heart Parking Lot: 678 Western Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935
- Camp Vista: N3398 Chapel Heights Rd, Campbellsport, WI 53010

#### What To Pack

- Sleepover Items: Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Towel, Toiletries
- Retreat Items: Journal, Bible, Rosary
- Food:
  - o A Dessert to Share with 30 on Friday Night. You can give the dessert to the coordinator when you get on the bus.
  - o Snacks! Bring snacks for yourself and to share with your friends.
- Clothes: Wear something comfy on Friday, pack modest jams for overnight, and pack something comfy and casual for Saturday. Bring nice clothes for Sunday
  Mass.

## Food Provided By Camp Vista

- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner on Saturday
- Breakfast on Sunday

## **Emergency Contact**

- There will be periods of time during retreat when your child may not have access to their cell phone. If you need to get a hold of me or your child for some emergency reason, my cell is listed below.
- Andrew Skiff, 920-248-2297 (cell)

Letters of Encouragement: These are letters from Catholic relatives and important faith figures in the candidate's life. Parents, grandparents, godparents, sponsors, aunts/uncles, older siblings, or any person who has a relationship with the candidate who would like to send them a word of encouragement regarding their confirmation is invited to write a letter. The letters are comprised of whatever words of encouragement or wisdom you feel called to share with the candidate. In their faith journey, this is a landmark moment that notes their full acceptance into the Catholic Faith and their full acceptance of that faith. Write a letter that will make them feel special, supported, and strengthened. Let them know you are proud of them. It can be as long or short as you'd like (a brief personal message can go a long way), but they typically range from ½ page to 2 pages. They are due back to the coordinator 2 weeks before Confirmation retreat.

#### **Attendance Policies**

#### 9th & 10th Grade:

Candidates are allowed three absences without penalty. Please notify the coordinator of an absence in advance by filling out the Absence Form on the HS Formation Webpage. Any additional absences should be made up by attending a different event at the parish. All make-ups are to be confirmed with and approved by the coordinator.

#### **Confirmation Public:**

Candidates are allowed three *seminar* absences without penalty. Please notify the coordinator of an absence in advance by filling out the Absence Form on the HS Formation Webpage. Any additional absences should be made up by attending a different event at the parish. All make-ups are to be confirmed with and approved by the coordinator.

The policy for *Confirmation Sessions* is different.

The priest team has approved this abbreviated program only under the stipulation that candidates attend ALL of the dates in their session. Absences are not excused, nor can they be made up at an additional event without the permission of a priest. If a candidate misses a Sunday meeting or a portion of their retreat, they will have to contact the coordinator to schedule a meeting with a priest. At this meeting, candidates can explain the circumstances surrounding their absence & request to continue in the sacramental program. If the priest deems the circumstances legitimate, the coordinator will assign a suitable make-up event. If the priest does not deem the circumstances legitimate, and denies the request for continuation in the sacramental program, then candidates can reapply for Confirmation the following year.

RECOMMENDATION: as soon as candidates select a session, they should clear their extracurricular, athletic, and work schedules for those dates.

#### **Confirmation Catholic:**

The priest team has approved this abbreviated program only under the stipulation that candidates attend ALL of the dates in their session. Absences are not excused, nor can they be made up at an additional event without the permission of a priest. If a candidate misses a Sunday meeting or a portion of their retreat, they will have to contact the coordinator to schedule a meeting with a priest. At this meeting, candidates can explain the circumstances surrounding their absence & request to continue in the sacramental program. If the priest does not deem the circumstances legitimate, and denies the request for continuation in the sacramental program, then candidates can reapply for Confirmation the following year.

RECOMMENDATION: as soon as candidates select a session, they should clear their extracurricular, athletic, and work schedules for those dates.





May God continue to bless you and your families, and thank you for all you do to bring your children up in the faith. I am here to help and bring you along in this process if you have any needs.

Best,

-Andrew

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