

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	9th Grd	10th 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 <a href="http://www.hffdl.org/hs">www.hffdl.org/hs</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Month of August		Online	Select a Confirmation Sponsor at <a href="http://www.hffdl.org/hs">www.hffdl.org/hs</a>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9/9	N/A	Online	Registration Closes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
9/11/22	4-5pm	Sacred Heart	Parent Meeting Option 1 & 2 Attend one or the other.									<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9/18/22	10:15-11am												
9/18/22	4-5:30pm	Sacred Heart	Safeguarding Session & Drills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9/25/22	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Fall Session, Sunday Meeting 1 (Potluck Lunch)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Mass at 11)	
Month of September		At-Home	Select a Prayer for the Year with Sponsor.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10/2/22	4-5:30pm	SH School	Lesson 1 (9th) & Lesson 7 (10th)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
10/9/22	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Fall Session, Sunday Meeting 2 (Potluck Lunch)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Mass at 11)	
10/16/22	4-6pm	Sacred Heart	Identity Seminar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10/23/22	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Fall Session, Sunday Meeting 3 (Potluck Lunch)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Mass at 11)	
10/30/22	4-5:30pm	SH School	Lesson 2 (9th) & Lesson 8 (10th)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
Month of October		At-Home	Sponsor selects a faith activity for the month.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11/6/22	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Fall Session, Sunday Meeting 4 (Potluck Lunch)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Mass at 11)	
11/13/22	4-5:30pm	SH School	Lesson 3 (9th) & Lesson 9 (10th)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
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			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Sun. Mass, 9am at Vista)	
11/27/22	N/A	At-Home	At-Home Advent Activities Instructions available at <a href="http://www.hffdl.org/hs">www.hffdl.org/hs</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Month of November		Online	Select Confirmation Saint at <a href="http://www.hffdl.org/hs">www.hffdl.org/hs</a>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12/4/22	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Winter Session, Sunday Meeting 1 (Potluck Lunch)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Mass at 11)	
12/11/22	4-5:30pm	Sacred Heart	Lesson 4 (9th) & Lesson 10 (10th)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
12/18/22	10am-2pm	Sacred Heart	Winter Session, Sunday Meeting 2 (Potluck Lunch)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Mass at 11)	
Month of December		At-Home	Volunteer for Advent with Sponsor.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



## Enrichment Events

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

Date	Time	Location	Event Details
1 <sup>st</sup> 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

**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Classes + Seminars

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

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

### Classes

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 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 (9<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **August - Deadline to Select Sponsor (STRICTLY REQUIRED):**

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.

### **November - Select Saint (Confirmation) Name (STRICTLY REQUIRED):**

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.

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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 → 11am Mass (with Parents) → 12pm Family Potluck in the Gym → 12:30pm Seminar & Small Groups (Parents Dismissed) → 1:30pm Adoration/Confession → 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:
  - A Dessert to Share with 30 on Friday Night. You can give the dessert to the coordinator when you get on the bus.
  - 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.

## RETREAT EMAIL DETAILS

**Map:** I am finally able to send along the map (attached) for Mass parking on Sunday morning of Retreat. Please take a look and let me know if you have any questions. The yellow star is the exact spot where Apple Maps will take you if you type [N3398 Chapel Heights Rd, Campbellsport, WI 53010](#) into your phone, so hopefully that will be a helpful reference point for you.

**My Cell Phone:** 920-248-2297 | this is in case of emergency. Once retreat starts on Friday I will not be available by email, so please reach me via my cell phone if there is an issue. I would appreciate it if you double check previous emails for retreat details before calling or texting, just so that I don't get overwhelmed with questions that have already been discussed. Of course, if I've missed something or if you can't find the information in a previous email or online I will happily respond to a call or text...just want to make sure the retreat runs smoothly for everyone. 😊

**Packing List Comment:** Please send not only personal snacks but a **dessert to share** with a portion of the group (e.g. a dozen or so bars, cookies, something non-perishable that we can use throughout the weekend). I would rather have extra food left at the end than have the retreatants go hungry. (those who have signed up online to help bring meal food out to us are 'exempt' from this, if you would like)

**Depart:** Drop your child off at Sacred Heart Church parking lot by **6:50pm on Friday, 11/18**. We will depart for the retreat center by bus at 7pm.

**Pickup:** Please come to Camp Vista (N3398 Chapel Heights Rd, Campbellsport, WI 53010) at **8:45am on Sunday, 11/20**. We will celebrate Mass all together at 9am; retreat ends when Mass finishes at around 10am. We will enjoy donuts afterwards; please come up and say goodbye before you leave so that I can thank you for everything this Fall semester. You are such a blessing to our parish; thank you for all you do.

**Food:** Camp Vista has informed me that they are not able to cater for our group due to booking issues on their end. When I found this out I was displeased, as our calendars indicate Vista will be providing hot meals. As this is no longer the case, I am hopeful that we can pull together the food ourselves. I am looking for a handful of parents to **sign-up to bring some food** items to us out at Camp Vista on Saturday and Sunday. If you can help out, please put your name/email down on [our spreadsheet](#); thanks so much to everyone who has already signed up. I will be in touch next week. *Holy Family will reimburse you for the money you spend for retreat food. If you would like to be reimbursed for items brought to retreat, you can bring me the receipts and I will make sure we get a check sent to you. Thanks so much.*

**Cold Weather Comment:** It will be chilly this weekend. In addition to temperature-appropriate clothing, please be sure to bring a proper winter coat and boots (preferably waterproof)...hat/gloves strongly recommended as well. I have been out to the retreat center this week and the gravel trails we will be walking on in between activities are sloppy with cold water/slush. I don't want anyone's feet to get cold! Of course, we will have warm houses with hot water and showers to help us stay warm, and we will adjust any outdoor activities according to the weather as we move throughout retreat.

## Attendance Policies

### 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

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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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