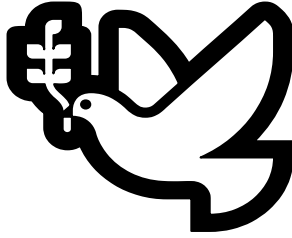


Confirmation | 2021-2022 CALENDAR

Key

- ALL Candidates
- ALL Candidate/Sponsor To-Dos
- ONLY Session A
- ONLY Session B
- ONLY Session C
- ONLY Public-School Candidates

HF = Holy Family Church
SM = Saint Mary's Church
SH = Sacred Heart Church



JANUARY '22

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- 2 – SB, Sunday Meeting 3 (10am-2pm at HF)
- 16 – SB, Sunday Meeting 4 (10am-2pm at HF)
- 23 – Safeguarding Lesson & Drills (4-5pm at SH)
- 28-30 – SB Retreat (6pm Friday - noon Sunday at SH)
- 31 – Attend Mass Together

- 29 – Parent Meeting Option 1 (10-11:30am at HF)
- 31 – Deadline to Select Sponsor

AUGUST '21

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- 6 – SC, Sunday Meeting 1 (10am-2pm at HF)
- 13 – At-Home Service Weekend
- 20 – SC, Sunday Meeting 2 (10am-2pm at HF)
- 27 – Parish Mission Option 1 (6:30-8pm at HF)
- 28 – Parish Mission Option 2 (6:30-8pm at HF)
- 28 – Confirmation Questionnaire

- 2 – Parent Meeting Option 2 (8-9:30pm at SM)
- 12 – SA, Sunday Meeting 1 (10am-2pm at HF)
- 26 – SA, Sunday Meeting 2 (10am-2pm at HF)
- 30 – Select a Prayer for the Year

SEPTEMBER '21

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- 1 – Parish Mission Option 3 (6:30-8pm at HF)
- 6 – SC, Sunday Meeting 3 (10am-2pm at HF)
- 20 – SC, Sunday Meeting 4 (10am-2pm at HF)
- 27 – Annual Lenten Practices & Stations (4pm-6pm at HF)
- 31 – Joint Lenten Commitment

- 3 – Sponsor/Candidate Meeting Option 1 (10-11:30am at HF)
- 7 – Sponsor/Candidate Meeting Option 2 (8-9:30pm at SM)
- 10 – SA, Sunday Meeting 3 (10am-2pm at HF)
- 17 – Parent/Student Night: Mental Health Seminar (4-6pm at SH)
- 24 – SA, Sunday Meeting 4 (10am-2pm at HF)
- 29-31 – SA Retreat (6pm Friday - noon Sunday at SH)
- 31 – Sponsor's Choice

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- 1-3 – SC Retreat (6pm Friday – noon Sunday at SH)
- 22 – Rehearsal for Confirmation Option 1 (6-8pm at HF)
- 23 – Confirmation Liturgy Option 1 (10am-1pm at HF)
- 24 – Shrine Field Trip (Guadalupe, 8am-6pm)
- 30 – Candidate's Choice

- 14 – Thanksgiving Service (4pm-6pm at SH)
- 28 – Parent/Student Night: Advent Service (4-6pm at SH)
- 30 – Select Saint (Confirmation) Name

NOVEMBER '21

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- 12 – Rehearsal for Confirmation Option 2 (6-8pm at HF)
- 13 – Confirmation Liturgy Option 2 (7-10pm at HF)
- 22 – Graduation Mass & Mystagogy (10-11:30am at HF)

- 5 – SB, Sunday Meeting 1 (10am-2pm at HF)
- 19 – SB, Sunday Meeting 2 (10am-2pm at HF)
- 31 – Volunteer for Advent

DECEMBER '21

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Explanation of Calendar

-ALL Candidates

- **Parent Meeting:** Attend either option 1 or 2; Parents & candidates attend.
- **Sponsor/Candidate Meeting:** Attend either option 1 or 2; Sponsors & candidates attend; If sponsor lives out of town, a parent can attend in their place & relay relevant information.
- **Confirmation Rehearsal:** Attend the rehearsal that is the night before your selected Confirmation Liturgy; Sponsors & candidates attend; A parent CANNOT fill in for the sponsor on this night.
- **Confirmation Liturgy:** Attend the liturgy you signed up for upon registration; The last date to change your liturgy is March 1st; Sponsors & Candidates sit together in reserved pews, while the rest of family sits in unreserved seating.
- **Graduation Mass & Mystagogy:** Parents & candidates attend a Mass & brief meeting at Holy Family Church to reflect on the year in formation.

-ALL Candidate/Sponsor To-Dos: 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.

-ONLY Session A -ONLY SESSION B -ONLY SESSION C

- **4 Sunday Meetings:** 10am Mass at Holy Family (parents attend with candidates); Lunch (provided); 2 Speakers; 2 Small Group periods; Adoration/Confession; Concludes at 2pm.

- **1 Retreat:** Arrive at 6pm on Friday night at Sacred Heart School; sleep over on Friday night; bring Bible, Rosary, Journal, & comfy clothes / toiletries for Saturday. Head home at 10pm on Saturday night. Attend Mass at 9am at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday; retreat concludes when Mass does (around 10am).
- **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.

-ONLY Public-School Candidates: These events are part of Public-School students' ongoing formation, as requested by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

- **Parent/Student Night – Mental Health Seminar:** Parents & Candidates attend a seminar from 4-6pm at Sacred Heart on mental health.
- **Thanksgiving Service:** Candidates only attend a special Thanksgiving service from 4-6pm at Sacred Heart.
- **Parent/Student Night – Advent Service:** Parents & Candidates attend a special service for Advent from 4-6pm at Sacred Heart.
- **Safeguarding Lessons & Drills:** Candidates attend a special seminar on safe-guarding from 4-5pm at Sacred Heart.
- **At-Home Service Weekend:** Parents & Candidates take time to do some kind of service for the local community.
- **Parish Mission:** Parents & Candidates attend Holy Family's annual parish mission; attend at least one of the three nights.
- **Annual Lenten Practices & Stations:** Parents & Candidates attend a Lenten prayer service at Holy Family.
- **Shrine Field Trip:** Candidates bus from Sacred Heart to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in LaCrosse. Bus departs at 8am & returns at 6pm. Mass will be celebrated on the trip.

Attendance Policies

-ONLY Session A -ONLY SESSION B -ONLY SESSION C

- **IMPORTANT:** 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 (andrews@hffd.org) 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.

-ONLY Public-School Candidates:

- 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; candidates can make these up by attending Cor Jesu or Youth Group on Thursday nights. A full schedule of these make-ups is available on the HS Formation Webpage.