



High School Formation and Confirmation | 2024-2025 CALENDAR

(7/2/2024)

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Color Key for Students: Times & Locations:

Faith Formation

All Public Students (9th Grade - 10th Grade) | 4-5:30pm Victory Center (No Parents)

ALL Public Students (9th-12th grade) | 4-6pm SH Church (At Least One Parent per student)

Confirmation

Fall Session Confirmation | Winter Session Confirmation | Spring Session Confirmation

Parent Confirmation Meetings-

Sunday 9/15/2024 Sacred Church at 11:00am (Mass is optional) Meeting at 12:00pm

Wednesday 9/18/2024 Sacred Heart Church at 6:00 pm (Mass is optional) Meeting at 6:45pm

Sponsor and Confirmation Candidate Meeting 9/22/24 Sacred Heart Church at 11:00am

Sponsor and Confirmation Candidate Meeting **9/25/24** Sacred Heart Church at 6:00pm

Sunday Meetings from 10am-2pm SH Hall/ SH Church/Victory Center Retreat from 7pm Friday—10am Sunday (Jan. 31-Feb. 2 OR Feb. 14-16) at Camp Vista (Bus departs HF church at 7pm, Parents join us at 9am at Camp Vista for Mass. Retreat concludes after this Mass.)

Address for SH Church & Victory Center:

678 Western Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

JANUARY '25

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5 - Winter Sunday Meeting 3

12 - Class 4

19 - Winter Sunday Meeting 4

26 - Spring Sunday Meeting 1

26 - Winter Seminar | Parent + Student | Topic TBD

31-2 Confirmation Retreat 1

FEBRUARY '25

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31-2 Confirmation Retreat 1

9 - At-Home Service Weekend (no in-person meeting)

14-16 Confirmation Retreat 2

23 Family Reconciliation

| Parent + Student

23 Spring Sunday Meeting 2

SEPTEMBER '24

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9 - Last Day to Register

15 or 18 - All Confirmation Parents + Child (2 Options)

22 or 25 - Sponsor and Confirmation Candidate Meeting (2 Options)

29 - Welcome Seminar | Safeguarding | Students Only 9-11th grade

MARCH '25

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2 - Spring Sunday Meeting 3

9 - Class 5

16 - Spring Sunday Meeting 4

23 - Lenten Seminar | Parent + Student | (Special Location: at Holy Family Church)

TBD - Parish Mission | Parent + Student | Holy Family Church | TBD March or April

OCTOBER '24

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6 - Fall Sunday Meeting 1

13 - Class 1

20 - Fall Sunday Meeting 2

27 - Annual Seminar | Mental Health | Parent + Student

APRIL '25

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4 - Confirmation Rehearsal 1: 7-9pm at Holy Family | Candidate + Sponsor

5 - Confirmation Liturgy 1: 10am-1pm at Holy Family

13 - Class 6

28 - Divine Mercy Sunday | Holy Family Church | Parent + Student

NOVEMBER '24

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3 - Fall Sunday Meeting 3

10 - Class 2

17 - Fall Sunday Meeting 4

28 - Thanksgiving Day

24 - Winter Sunday Meeting 1

MAY '25

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4 - HS Field Trip | Required

| Students Only | TBD-6pm | Online sign-up required | Bus Departs SH Church Parking Lot Time TBD

15 - Confirmation Rehearsal 2: 7-9pm at Holy Family | Candidate + Sponsor

16 - Confirmation Liturgy 2: 7-10pm at Holy Family

DECEMBER '24

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1 - At-Home Advent Activities (no in-person meeting)

8 - Class 3

15 - Winter Sunday Meeting 2

25 - Christmas Day

JUNE '25

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High School Youth Group Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. 6:00pm Mass (optional) at SH Church-Group at 6:45pm at School for 1 1/2 - 2 hours of Fun Activities!

Program Overview

SPECIAL DATES: Special dates are listed in deep blue on your calendars. Everyone should pay careful attention to these dates.

1—Last Day to Register (September 9th): This is the last day to sign up for the high school program!

2—Public and SMSA Parent Confirmation Meeting: (September 15th or 18th) At least one Parent must attend one of these meetings. If you cannot make it to either, please let me know and we can find another time to meet.

3—Sponsor and Confirmation Candidate Meeting (September 22nd or September 25th) You should have your sponsor chosen. The Candidate and Sponsor should attend this meeting together.

9TH & 10TH GRADE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS meet for classes on 2nd Sundays from October through April at Sacred Heart Victory Center from 4-5:30pm. *Students Only, No Parents.*

1—At-Home Service Weekend (February 9th) always coincides with Super Bowl Sunday in early February, and is to be undertaken at-home. There is no meeting at SH Victory Center. Later in this packet, there is a resource for planning a family service activity in the month of February.

9TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS + PARENTS (October 27th, January 26th, February 23rd, March 23rd, April 28th & May 4th) meet for seminars and special events at Sacred Heart Church from 4-6pm. *One or both parents should attend with their child.* Exceptions & Special Event Comments:

1—Advent Activities (December 1st) Are to be undertaken at-home (*since it coincides with Thanksgiving Weekend*). There is no meeting at SH Church. Later in this packet, there is a resource for helping your family make a prayer plan for Advent.

2—The Parish Mission (Date TBD) takes place at Holy Family Church, and has two or three options for your attendance. Pick the one that works best with your busy schedules. (*If you attend more than one night of the parish mission, it can be counted as a make-up for another absence.*)

3—Lenten Practices (March 23rd) We will be having a Lenten Prayer Service at Holy Family Church.

4—Divine Mercy Sunday (April 28th) The Sunday after Easter, is called Divine Mercy Sunday. This day helps us to remember the great love and mercy that God has for us. Join us at Holy Family Church at time TBD as we contemplate this love through confession, adoration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

5—End of Year Field Trip (May 4th) (Required) | Students Only “An online sign-up will be sent closer to the date.” | departs from and returns to Sacred Heart parking lot without parents. This is a student/catechist only trip; if parents want to attend they can contact the coordinator about assisting as a chaperone.

11TH-12TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES select either a Fall, Winter, or Spring Session, and attend Sunday Meetings 4 times per session (Fall; Winter or Spring), as well as a two-night retreat. *Parents can join Sunday Mass from 11am-12:00pm and join retreat at 9am for Mass. **Parents will be the child's ride home from the Retreat.***

1—Potluck Sign-Up is available at Potluck Sign-Up (*please bring something big or small each meeting, if you can!*)

2—Candidate/Sponsor Activities are to be completed (at least) once a month from September through April. The list is contained later in this packet.

3—Retreat Packing List & Full Details are contained later in this packet.

Attendance, Make-Ups, Participation

9th-12th Public School Student Attendance Policy: Families may excuse themselves from three seminars/classes per year without penalty. *Missing the End of Year Field trip counts for two absences, due to the length of the day.* Please fill out the “Report an Absence” form at www.hffdl.org/hs to let the coordinator know you will be missing a seminar/class and a suitable make-up will be assigned.

Confirmation Candidate Attendance Policy: 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

chaplain. 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.**

At-Home Advent Activities

From Pope Francis: "Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world." - Pope Francis, *Angelus*, 2018

Planning for Advent: You should be working this on the first Sunday of Advent, when we have the night off of class for families to properly enjoy Thanksgiving. Please set aside a bit of time today to prepare your family for Advent. My two recommendations every Advent are (1) make sure you have an Advent wreath and (2) make sure you know when our parish is offering its weekly priest talks.

The Advent Wreath: Light the candle(s) of your family advent wreath each night at dinner. As part of your prayer before dinner, go around the table and share (honestly, from the heart) the things that you are grateful for and the things that you need prayers for. End this simple ritual by praying the "Bless Us, O Lord" Meal Prayer, an Our Father, or a Hail Mary.

Advent Priest Talks: Holy Family offers priest talks on Tuesday nights during Advent. Please plan to go one of the talks. More information is available on our website or Facebook page.

February At-Home Service Weekend

Plan and implement a Service Project: Please take this weekend off of classes to sit down as a family and talk about the importance of serving the local community. Talk about the ways you are already serving our local community here, and talk about ways you want to do more. You can look up different organizations in the area that you believe in and that need volunteer help. Commit, as a family, to serving with an organization of your choosing on a monthly or quarterly basis. All Christians are called to serve the poor, the hungry, the needy, and the homeless. Thank you for answering Christ's call and leading your family to do the same. Submit project here <https://form.jotform.com/240184506186153> by March 15.

Candidate/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. Fill out the form at www.hffdl.org/hs to tell us who you've selected!

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). Fill out the form at www.hffdl.org/hs to tell us which saint you've selected!

December - Volunteer for Advent: Sponsors/Candidates should find some kind of service in the month of December to complete together. Please fill out this form <https://form.jotform.com/241354022063140> after completing the project. Due by December 31.

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. Find and complete the questionnaire at www.hffdl.org/hs!

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 Wednesday evening Mass, or some other activity that is spiritually meaningful to you.

Confirmation Retreat Details, Packing List, Timetable

Timeline:

—Friday, 7pm: Bus departs **Holy Family** Parking Lot for Camp Vista

—Saturday: Retreat

—Sunday, 9am: Mass with Parents at Camp Vista

—Sunday, 10am: Retreat Concludes, Families Dismissed *(There is no return bus to Holy Family at the end of retreat; retreatants will drive home with their family after Mass finishes at Camp Vista. If you have questions about transportation home, please contact the High School Coordinator at 920-921-0580 ext. 502)*

Locations to Know:

—Holy Family Parking Lot: 271 Fourth Street Way, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

—Camp Vista: N3398 Chapel Heights Rd, Campbellsport, WI 53010

What to Pack:

—Sleepover Items: Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Towel, Toiletries

—Food: (1) A Dessert or Snack to Share with 20 on Friday Night *(You can give this to the coordinator when you get on the bus).* (2) Personal 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.

—(Alcohol is not permitted for minors on our retreats. Any student engaging in illegal activity during retreat will be sent home and a report will be filed with the police. Bags will be checked.)

Food provided by potluck or Holy Family: (1) Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner on Saturday | (2) Continental Breakfast on Sunday

Emergency Contact: *There will be periods of time during retreat when your child may not have access to their cell phone. Camp Vista's number is: [\(920\) 533-4258](tel:9205334258).*

Letters of Encouragement for Confirmation Retreat: 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.

Confirmation Rehearsal & Liturgy

Rehearsal the Night Before 7-9pm | Holy Family Church (271 Fourth Street Way, FDL, WI 54937)

—Who has to be there? Candidates + Sponsors (*parent need not attend...unless a sponsor cannot be there, then a parent may fill-in with coordinator permission*)
—Timetable: 7:00pm — Update candidate information for records & find Assigned Seat (Alphabetical by Last Name) + Rehearse | 7:00pm-9pm — Adoration/Confession

Liturgy at 7pm (Friday) or 10am (Saturday) | Holy Family Church (271 Fourth Street Way, FDL, WI 54937)

—Reserved Seating: For Candidates/Sponsors. Parents and Families sit in general seating.
—When to Arrive: Candidates/Sponsors please be in your seats **no later than** 30 minutes before. Mass will start promptly at 7pm (Friday Liturgy) or 10am (Saturday Liturgy).
—What to wear: Sunday Best (Gents: button down, dress pants, dress shoes, tie, optional jacket | Ladies: a nice, knee length dress or longer or other appropriate outfit where shoulders are covered and has a modest neckline)
—How long will Mass be? It could be as long as three hours, but we are hopeful it will be finished in 2 hours!

Times and subjects may change, please check in with the High School Coordinator for the most updated details

Holy Family High School and Confirmation Website Link

