

Confirmation Calendar 2025-2026

Fall Session Confirmation | **Winter Session Confirmation** | **Spring Session Confirmation**

Please Note: New Time and Location

Sunday Classes are in one of the sessions from 9:00 am-1:00 pm at **Presentation Church** in North Fond du Lac with a Potluck Brunch – provided by parents/students

Public & SMSA Parent/Candidate/Sponsor Meeting - Sunday 9/28/2025 | 10:00 am Mass | Holy Family Church | Mass is First then Meeting in the South Hall afterwards | Use QR Code to sign in before Mass | Candidates, Parents and Sponsors | **Mandatory**

Or

Public & SMSA Parent/Candidate/Sponsor Meeting - Wednesday 10/01/2025 | 6:00 pm Mass | Holy Family Church | Mass is First then Meeting in the North Hall afterwards | Use QR Code to sign in before Mass | Candidates, Parents and Sponsors | **Mandatory**

****Public School Candidates | Look at the High School Calendar for your additional events****

Mass is required for all baptized Catholics | Please begin preparation by attending Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation | Starting in September use the QR Code at the church sites (look on bulletin boards for Codes) to scan in and answer a few questions about the Mass | Write a reflection on what you learned- 3-6 sentence | **Mandatory**

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the Month are Youth Group | Meets at Sacred Heart Basement | 6:30pm to 8:00pm | Optional

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September - Select a Prayer for the Year: Sponsors/Candidates should meet or call to discuss a prayer.

9 - Last Day to Register

10 - Youth Group Family night/Domestic Church Potluck | doors open 5:30 | Youth Group at 6:30-8:00pm | Optional

24 - Youth Group | Sacred Heart School Basement | 6:30pm – 8:00pm | Optional

28 – (either this one or October 1st) Welcome Mass and Informational Session – Public and Private School Parents, Sponsors, and Confirmation Candidates | Holy Family Church | 10:00am Mass followed with a meeting in the South Hall | **Mandatory**

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October - Sponsor's Choice: Sponsor should select a prayer activity or practice to be undertaken with their candidate this month.

1 – (either this one or September 28th) Mass and Informational Session – Public and Private School Parents, Sponsors, and Confirmation Candidates | Holy Family Church | 6pm Mass followed with a meeting in the South Hall | **Mandatory**

5 - Fall Sunday Meeting 1

8 - Youth Group Family Night/Domestic Church Potluck | doors open 5:30 | Youth Group at 6:30-8:00pm | Optional

19 - Fall Sunday Meeting 2

22 - Youth Group | Sacred Heart School Basement | 6:30pm – 8:00pm | Optional

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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! Due by November 30.

2 - Fall Sunday Meeting 3

12 - Youth Group Family Night/Domestic Church Potluck | doors open 5:30 | Youth Group at 6:30-8:00pm | Optional

16 - Fall Sunday Meeting 4

30 - Winter Sunday Meeting 1

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.

7 - Winter Sunday Meeting 2

10 - Youth Group | Sacred Heart School Basement | 6:30pm – 8:00pm | Optional

12-14 - Confirmation Retreat #1

25 - Christmas Day

January - Attend Mass Together: Sponsors/Candidates should attend Mass together. January - Confirmation Questionnaire (**STRICTLY REQUIRED**): Confirmation Questionnaire, which will serve as their formal request to the Bishop to receive www.hffdl.org/hs! Due by **January 15**

4 - Winter Sunday Meeting 3

14 - Youth Group Family Night/Domestic Church Potluck | doors open 5:30 | Youth Group at 6:30-8:00pm | Optional

18 - Winter Sunday Meeting 4

28 - Youth Group | Sacred Heart School Basement | 6:30pm – 8:00pm | Optional

30 – 31 Confirmation Retreat #2

February - Candidate's Choice: Candidate should select a prayer activity or practice to be undertaken with their sponsor this month.

1 - Retreat

11 - Youth Group | Sacred Heart School Basement | 6:30pm – 8:00pm | Optional

15 - Spring Sunday Meeting 1

18 - Ash Wednesday

22 - Spring Sunday Meeting 2

25 - Youth Group | Sacred Heart School Basement | 6:30pm – 8:00pm | Optional

11 - Youth Group Family night/Domestic Church Potluck | doors open 5:30 | Youth Group at 6:30-8:00pm | Optional

15 - Spring Sunday Meeting 3

22 - Spring Sunday Meeting 4

25 - Youth Group | Sacred Heart School Basement | 6:30pm – 8:00pm | Optional

2 - Holy Thursday

3 - Good Friday

4 - Easter Vigil

5 - Easter Sunday

8 - Youth Group Family Night/Domestic Church Potluck | doors open 5:30 | Youth Group at 6:30-8:00pm | Optional

22 - Youth Group | Sacred Heart School Basement | 6:30pm – 8:00pm | Optional

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

18 - Confirmation Liturgy #1: 10am-1pm at Holy Family Church | arrive by 9:30am

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

24 - Confirmation Liturgy #2: 7pm-10pm at Holy Family Church | arrive by 6:30pm

MAY '26						
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Program Overview

Angie Bestul will be communicating through emails, please check your emails often. I do copy and paste your emails from your registration. Please check your junk/spam folders if you are not getting emails. If you have any questions throughout the year my email is angieb@hffdl.org or 920-921-0580 ext. 502

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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 an overnight retreat. Parents can join Sunday Mass from 10:00am-11:00am (Presentation Church) 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](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16-HOVFETrmdla0k_DHS5Fmg1CeKRCf2knK9x_QqGibA/edit?usp=sharing) | https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16-HOVFETrmdla0k_DHS5Fmg1CeKRCf2knK9x_QqGibA/edit?usp=sharing

(please bring something big or small each Session, if you can!) There is also a potluck sign up for the retreat. (same link)

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

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

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Attendance, Make-Ups, Participation



Confirmation Candidate Attendance Policy for BOTH Public and Private School: 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. Use QR Code to report absence.**

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.

July – September (registration) – Must have a Sponsor chosen when Registration - 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. Your Sponsor must fill out the form using this QR Code:



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.

September 28th – attend Mass and Meeting | Parent (s), the Candidate, & the Sponsor | **Holy Family Catholic Church** | 10:00am-11:30am | Meeting Following Mass in North Hall | **Mandatory OR October 1st – attend Mass**

and Meeting | Parent (s), the Candidate, & Sponsor | Holy Family Catholic Church | 6:00pm – 7:30pm | Meeting afterwards in the North Hall

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January - Attend Mass Together: Sponsors/Candidates should attend Mass together this month.

January - 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! **Due by January 31. This is the last possible date.** Use the QR Code to fill out.



February - Candidate's Choice: Candidate should select a prayer activity or practice to be undertaken with their sponsor this month.

March - Joint Lenten Commitment: Sponsors/candidates should select a small practice they can undertake together during the season of Lent. Holy Family has things throughout Lent. (Adoration, Parish Mission, Way of the Cross, and Lenten Priest Talks, just to name a few)

Prayer Ideas (especially for October & March): 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 (arrive at 6:40pm to check in and load bus) (students to help unload bus at 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, Angie Bestul 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 10 on Friday Night *(You can give this to the chaperones 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.)
- Cell Phones:** We highly suggest that the child leaves their cell phones at home. If they are found using them during the gatherings and after lights out, we will take them from the child and give them back at the end of the retreat. Please feel free to contact us if there is an emergency.
- Camp Vista** is equipped with cameras to insure our safety.
- Food provided by potluck or Holy Family:** (1) Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner on Saturday | (2) Continental Breakfast on Sunday. Use the link to sign up for the potluck: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16-HOVFETrmdla0k_DHS5Fmg1CeKRCf2knK9x_QqGibA/edit?usp=sharing
- 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.*

Letters of Encouragement (Love Letters) 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)

—Before Rehearsal? Stop at check in table to verify information for Sacramental Book

—Timetable: 7:00pm — Update candidate information for records & find Assigned Seat (Alphabetical by Last Name) + Rehearsal | 7:00pm-9pm — Meeting/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: Stop at the tables 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!

—After the Confirmation Mass make sure that you stop at the tables in the gather space to pick up your Confirmation Certificate

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

High School Family Event Check-In Link and QR Code:

<https://form.jotform.com/243444219695161>

