

Fall Session

October 4th and 18th |
November 1st and 15th

Winter Session

November 29th | December
20th | January 3rd and 17th
2027

Spring Session

February 7th and 21st | March
7th and 21st, 2027

Other Important Dates:

****Welcome Meeting |Parents,
Candidates, & Sponsors | September
20th | Sacred Heart Church 11:00 am
OR September 23rd | Sacred Heart
Church 6:00 pm Mass | meeting after
each Mass |**

**Public School Seminars | Sacred
Heart Church | October 25th and
January 24th | Mass at 11:00am –
meeting afterwards**

**Retreats | December 4-6th, 2026 or
January 29-31, 2027**

**Public School Candidates | April 18-
2027, | Our Lady of Champion/Lambeau
Field Trip | Time TBD**

Sep 2026						
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**September - Select a Prayer for the
Year:** Sponsors/Candidates should
meet or call to discuss a prayer.
September 20th or 23rd: Confirmation
Student, Parent & Sponsor Meeting
{see note to the left}

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

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October - Sponsor's Choice: Sponsor
should select a prayer activity or
practice to be
undertaken with their candidate this
month.
October 4th & 18th: Fall Session
October 25th: Public School Seminar
|Sacred Heart Church Mass at 11:00am
then meeting

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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.
November 1st & 15th: Fall Session
November 29th: Winter Session

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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
www.hffdl.org/hs after completing
the project. **Due by January 15th.**
December 20th: Winter Session

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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 31**
January 3rd & 17th: Winter Session
**January 24th – Public School Candidates
Seminar |Sacred Heart Church Mass at
11:00am then meeting**

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February - 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)

February 10 – Ash Wednesday: See the Good News for Mass times.

February 6 – Parish Mission | Time TBD | Holy Family Church

February 7th & 21st: Spring Session

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March - Candidate's Choice:

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

March 25th: Holy Thursday | See the Good News for Mass time.

March 26th: Good Friday | See the Good News for Mass times

March 28th: Easter | See the Good News for Mass time

March 7th & 21st: Spring Session

April 2027						
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Confirmation Rehearsal:

April 9th and April 23rd | Candidates and Sponsors | 7:00pm | Holy Family Church

Public School Candidates | April 18th 2027, | Our Lady of Champion/Lambeau Field Trip | Time TBD

Confirmation Mass:

April 10th and April 24th | 10:00am | Holy Family Church | Arrive by 9:30am

Important Dates & Requirements

Sunday Class Sessions:

Classes are held at Sacred Heart School

Time: One session between 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

A potluck brunch will be included and provided by parents/students

Note: Classes are for candidates only

****My main way of communicating will be through emails – check your junk or spam folder (I copy and paste from your registration form) ****

Mass Requirement

Mass attendance is required for all baptized Catholics.

Students should begin preparing by attending Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation.

Starting in September:

- Use the QR code at church sites to check in (see bulletin boards – at Holy Family bulletin board across from bathroom and one on each of the)
- Write a **3–6 sentence reflection** on what you learned
- **Requirement:** Mandatory (Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation)

Additional Notes:

- Online Mass does not count
 - You must scan in at the beginning or after Mass
 - If attending Mass at another location, contact Angie for instructions
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Mandatory Mass & Seminar Days (Public School Candidates and at least one Parent)

Dates: October 25 & January 24

- Location: Sacred Heart Church
 - Time: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM (following Mass)
 - **Who attends:** Students and at least one parent per student
 - **Requirement:** Mandatory
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Reconciliation Opportunity

Date: One during Advent & One during Lent – 12 Hours of Reconciliation

- Location: Holy Family Church
 - Time: After school – 8:00 PM
 - This is not a formal meeting; it is an opportunity for Reconciliation
 - **Do not sign in**
 - **Recommendation:** Highly encouraged to attend
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Program Overview

Please review the entire calendar carefully, as it contains all the information needed for your child's Confirmation process. Be sure to note all due dates, as they are an essential part of the program.

All assignments and requirements must be submitted on time. Deadlines are important and must be followed.

Communication:

Angie Bestul will communicate primarily through email. Please check your email regularly, including your junk/spam folder. Emails will be sent to the address provided at registration.

- Email: angieb@hffdl.org
 - Phone: 920-921-0580 ext. 502
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Session & Retreat Requirements

Confirmation candidates must select **one session**: Fall, Winter, or Spring.

- Attend **4 Sunday meetings** within your selected session
- Sessions are for Candidates Only
- Attend **one overnight retreat (mandatory)**

Parent Information:

- Parents may attend Sunday Mass from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church
 - Parents are to attend Mass at 10:00 AM during the retreat
 - Parents are responsible for their child's transportation home from the retreat
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Program Expectations

1. Potluck Participation:

Sign up at www.hffdl.org/hs

Families are encouraged to bring an item (large or small) for each session if possible

A separate sign-up is also available for the retreat

2. Candidate/Sponsor Activities:

- Must be completed at least once per month (September–March)
- Details are included later in this packet and on the calendar

3. Retreat Information:

- Packing list and full details are included later in this packet

Mass Requirement

Mass attendance is required for all baptized Catholics.

Preparation should begin by attending Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation (**not online**).

Starting in September:

- Use QR codes at church sites (see bulletin boards) to check in
 - Answer a few questions about the Mass
 - Write a **3–6 sentence reflection**
 - **Requirement:** Mandatory
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Attendance, Make-Ups, & Participation

Confirmation Attendance Policy (Public & Private School):

This program requires attendance at **all scheduled dates** within your selected session.

- Absences are not automatically excused
- Make-ups require **permission from a priest**
- Should attend the entire Class Session. (clear your calendar for the 4 sessions)
- Missing a Sunday meeting or part of the retreat requires contacting the coordinator
 - A make up will be required
- A meeting with a chaplain may be required to review the situation

Outcome Process:

- If approved, a make-up assignment will be given and a form will be filled out.
- If not approved, the candidate may need to reapply the following year

Recommendation:

After selecting a session, clear all extracurricular, athletic, and work schedules for those dates.

Visit www.hffdl.org/hs for more information

Candidate & Sponsor Requirements

Sponsors and candidates should meet **monthly** to build a mentoring relationship.

- Activities should be completed by the **end of each month**
- Sponsors assist candidates in selecting a Confirmation saint name

Service Project:

- Complete in November or December
 - Submit form by mid - January
 - **Required** and included in the questionnaire to the bishop
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Monthly Activity Timeline (with Sponsor)

July – September (Registration):

- Select a sponsor (**required – by September 20th**)
Sponsor must:
 - Be chosen by the candidate
 - Be at least 16 years old
 - Be a confirmed Catholic who has received the Eucharist
 - Live a life consistent with the Catholic faith
 - Not be the candidate's parent
- Sponsor form must be completed at www.hffdl.org/hs

September:

- Choose a prayer to pray throughout the year

October:

- Sponsor selects a shared prayer activity

November:

- Select a Confirmation (saint) name (**required**)
- Submit form by **November 30**

December:

- Complete an Advent service project together
- Submit form by **January 15**

January:

- Attend Mass together
- Complete the Confirmation Questionnaire (**required**)
Due by **January 31**

February:

- Choose a shared Lenten commitment
- Participating in parish opportunities (Adoration, Mission, Way of the Cross, etc.)

March:

- Candidate selects a prayer activity with sponsor
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Prayer Activity Ideas

Examples for monthly activities (especially October & March):

- Share a meal
- Learn about a saint
- Attend Adoration
- Complete an act of service
- Pray the Rosary
- Discuss Sunday readings
- Go to Confession
- Attend weekday Mass
- Participate in another meaningful spiritual activity

Confirmation Retreat Details

Retreat Timeline:

Friday:

- 6:40 PM – Arrive at Holy Family Parking Lot to check in and load the bus
- 7:00 PM – Bus departs for Camp Vista (**must be on time; bus will not wait**)
- Students will help unload upon arrival

Saturday:

- Full retreat day

Sunday:

- 10:00 AM – Mass with parents at Camp Vista
- 11:00 AM – Retreat concludes; families are dismissed

Transportation Note:

There is **no return bus** to Holy Family. Students will go home with their families after Mass. For transportation concerns, contact Angie Bestul at 920-921-0580 ext. 502.

Locations

- Holy Family Parking Lot: 271 Fourth Street Way, Fond du Lac, WI
 - Camp Vista: N3398 Chapel Heights Rd, Campbellsport, WI
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Packing List**Sleepover Items:**

- Sleeping bag, pillow, towel, toiletries

Food:

- One dessert or snack to share (serve approx. 10 people; turn in when boarding bus)
- Personal snacks (for yourself and to share)

Clothing:

- Comfortable clothes for Friday
- Modest pajamas
- Casual, comfortable outfit for Saturday
- Dress clothes for Sunday Mass

Important Rules:

- Alcohol is **not permitted**; violations will result in dismissal and possible police report
 - Bags may be checked
 - There will be NO room switching
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Cell Phone Policy

It is strongly recommended that students leave cell phones at home.

- Phones used during retreat or after lights out will be collected and returned at the end
- In case of emergency, families may contact the retreat staff

Safety Note:

Camp Vista is equipped with cameras for safety.

Meals & Emergency Contact

Meals Provided: {by parent sign up}

- Saturday: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Sunday: Continental breakfast (left over food)

Potluck sign-up: www.hffdl.org/hs

Emergency Contact:

Camp Vista: (920) 533-4258

Permission Form:

A signed retreat permission form is required for all candidates.

- Must be submitted **at least 2 weeks before the retreat**
- Forms are required in order to attend

Letters of Encouragement

Candidates are invited to receive letters from family members and faith mentors (parents, grandparents, sponsors, etc.).

- Letters should include encouragement, support, and faith guidance
 - Typical length: ½ page to 2 pages
 - Due **2 weeks before the retreat**
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Confirmation Rehearsal

When: Night before Confirmation Mass (7:00–9:00 PM)

Location: Holy Family Church

Who will attend:

- Candidates and sponsors (**required**)
- Parents only if filling in for a sponsor (with permission)

Details:

- Check in upon arrival to verify sacramental records
- Seating is assigned alphabetically
- Includes rehearsal, Adoration, and Confession

Confirmation Liturgy

When:

- Saturday at 10:00 AM

Location: Holy Family Church

Arrival:

- Candidates and sponsors must be seated **30 minutes before Mass begins**

Seating:

- Reserved for candidates and sponsors
- Families sit in general seats.

Dress Code:

- Sunday best attire
 - Gentlemen: dress shirt, dress pants, (No Jeans) dress shoes, tie (jacket optional)
 - **Ladies:** Modest attire is required—dress or outfit should be knee-length or longer, with covered shoulders and a modest neckline. Low-cut, tight, or short dresses are not permitted.

Length:

- Approximately 2–3 hours

After Mass:

- Pick up Confirmation Certificate in the gathering space
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Important Reminders

- Times and details may change; stay in contact with the High School Coordinator for updates

Forms & Deadlines: IMPORTANT LINKS AND QR CODES

- **Sponsor Form:** Due September 14
 - <https://form.jotform.com/261185958129165>



- **Saint Name:** Due November 30
 - <https://form.jotform.com/261185246209154>



- **Service Project:** Due January 15
 - <https://form.jotform.com/241354022063140>



- **December Retreat Permission Slip: (IF THIS IS YOUR RETREAT)** Due November 14 (letters also due)
 - <https://form.jotform.com/242265817592161>



- **January Retreat Permission Slip: (IF THIS IS YOUR RETREAT)** Due January 8 (letters also due)
 - <https://form.jotform.com/242264443710147>



- **Questionnaire to Bishop:** Due January 31
 - <https://form.jotform.com/251326189971162>

