



### **Who may prepare for the 2024 reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation?**

- \* **Any baptized child into the Catholic Church, who is in school grade 7 or 8,**
- \* **Who is registered in the St. Michael Catholic Church,**
- \* **Who has participated in Catholic Religious Education (R.E.) program during the prior year, and**
- \* **Who is registered and participating in the parish's Catholic (R.E.) program this year.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated once the child/youth has studied the materials received at the parent instruction sessions described below. The Sacrament of Confirmation is generally celebrated after Easter (in the month of May) after the child has made their Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and First Communion and has completed a simple, comprehension evaluation given by their R.E. instructor or pastor.

If your child is not baptized or has not participated in a Catholic R.E. in 2022-2023 and/or is not enrolled in the RE 2023-2024, please contact the Pastor, before registering the child for these sacramental preparation classes.

### **How do I register my child for their First (Initiation) Sacraments (Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation)?**

To register for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation, please submit the parish R.E. and sacramental preparation registration forms, reflecting the need for sacramental preparation for the child. If they were baptized at a church other than the St. Michael Parish, a legible copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate must be submitted to the Parish Office, within one month of the R.E. and sacramental preparation classes beginning.

### **How are children prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation?**

Catechetical instructions for the Sacrament of Confirmation is completed FIRST by the Parents/Guardians in the home (as the Domestic Church) and supplemented by the parish-level sacramental preparation classes.

Parents/Guardians are asked to participate in a presentation concerning how to prepare their child(ren) for the Sacrament of Confirmation. These training sessions are meant for the Parents/Guardians and Confirmation candidate. At least one parent/legal guardian is asked to please attend. Attendance at only one of the below sessions is required. No RSVP is necessary. The Parent/Guardian Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Session is:

### ***Scheduled at St. Michael Catholic Church***

**Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 11:15 a.m. (in the Church's upstairs Worship Space)**

At these sessions, you will receive instructional information by Fr. Bob and will pick up your materials to study with your child. There is a sacramental preparation fee (1 child: \$20.00 / 2 children: \$40.00 / maximum per family \$40.00) to cover the expense of both catechetical instruction books and printed materials. While parents/guardians are responsible for their child's first-level of sacramental preparation, there is a **very strong emphasis** in the child's participation in the classroom component of the sacramental preparation, as well.

**2023-2024 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**  
**SACRAMENT PREPARATION CLASS SCHEDULE**

(All Classes are on Sundays (**11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**) in the St. Michael Parish classrooms

\* Sacramental Preparation Textbook: “*Send Out Your Spirit*”, by Michael Amodei.

<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Chapter / Subject – Topic</u>
<b><u>September 24, 2023</u></b> (11:15 a.m.)	<b><i>Parent/Candidate General Info Meeting</i></b> (St. Michael Church’s Worship Space)
December 10, 2023	Chapter 1: <i>Belonging</i>
December 17, 2023	Chapter 2: <i>God</i>
January 21, 2024	Chapter 3: <i>Jesus Christ</i>
January 28, 2024	Chapter 4: <i>Scripture</i>
February 11, 2024	Chapter 5: <i>Church</i>
February 18, 2024	Chapter 6: <i>Morality</i>
March 3, 2024	Chapter 7: <i>Social Justice</i>
March 10, 2024	Chapter 8: <i>Liturgy and Sacraments</i>
March 17, 2024	Chapter 9: <i>Holy Spirit and Confirmation</i>
March 24, 2024	Chapter 10: <i>Your Christian Vocation</i>
<b>TBA</b> (to be announced)	Confirmation Retreat (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.) (Additional details/information to follow)
<b>TBA</b>	( <i>Weather make-up day, if necessary</i> )

(\* **HOLY WEEK:** March 24 to 30, 2024 / Easter Vigil: March 30, 2024 / Easter: March 31, 2023)

<b>TBA</b>	Confirmation Candidate Oral Interview Evaluations *
<b>TBA</b> (to be announced)	Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>TBA</b> (to be announced)	Confirmation Mass Practice
<b>TBA</b> (to be announced)	Confirmation Mass with Diocesan Bishop Golka