

# Confirmation Preparation

## St. Jude Parish

For the 2021-2022 Faith Formation year, Grades 8-10 will be enrolled in our Confirmation Preparation Program.

**Confirmation I (Grade 8)** will introduce students to core teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. The class is divided into five (5) units: (1) What makes us Catholic, (2) What is scripture, (3) Theology 101, (4) Catholic Morality, and (5) The Future of the Church.

**Confirmation II (Grades 9-10)** will lead students in a study of the Gospel of John. However, this will not be a just class based on retelling the stories of Scripture. Rather, this class is designed to introduce concepts, offer guidance on how those concepts can inform us as Christians in the 21st Century, and above all, inspire discussion.

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings. On class days, Confirmation I will have class from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM, followed by an Evening Prayer service. Confirmation II will attend the Evening Prayer service, then have class from 6:30 PM until 7:30 PM.

We are introducing a small group component to Confirmation class as well. Students will join one of several small groups which will meet regularly to freely discuss issues of interest to the students. The small groups will also meet on Wednesday evenings. Confirmation I groups will meet from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM, Confirmation II will meet from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

### Small Groups\*

- Brothers in Christ: A young men's small group
- Sisters in Christ: A young women's small group
- Worship Team: Musicians who will provide music for the 10:30 AM Mass and Evening Prayer services on a rotating schedule. They will meet to rehearse during small group time.
- Bible Study: Guided discussion on the upcoming weeks' Mass readings.
- Prayer Team: Each month, the prayer team will explore a new type of prayer, such as the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a guided meditation, and so on. Students will then discuss their experience with the prayer.

**\*This list is not final.**

Between small groups and classes, students will meet a total of 12 times. A schedule of proposed meetings times is included below:

- October 6—Class

- October 20—Class
- October 28—Small Groups
- November 10—Class
- November 17—Small Groups
- December 8—Class
- December 15—Small Groups
- January 12—Class
- January 19—Small groups
- February 9—Class
- February 24—Small groups
- March 9—Class

We will need about ten volunteers to lead small group discussions throughout the year. If you are able to lend your time and wisdom, please fill out the volunteer interest form and we will be in touch!