

Parent Orientation/Overview for Confirmation

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit,

fill the hearts of your faithful and

kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and

they shall be created.

And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Amen

Confirmation Defined

From that first Pentecost until now, it has always been the belief of the Church that the Holy Spirit directs and guides us collectively and individually. We have the Spirit of God living and working in our lives and in our Church.

We have each been given gifts according to the plan God has for us. Confirmation prep is a chance for teens to discover their God given gifts and learn how to use them to serve others out in the real world.

Please watch this short video for further explanation of the sacrament: [https://](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qt32SyDWuW8)

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Preparations

2 Teen Sessions approximately 2 hours each

(the first session will be mainly Catechesis)

(the second session will be introspective and also provide adoration and reconciliation)

1 Retreat approximately 4 hours

(a day of prayer, games, discussion and learning about the gifts)

2 Faith Builders

(Participate or attend a "church" event here at St Andrew or elsewhere as a family or with a parent or sponsor.

3 Service Experiences

(they do not have to log in hours but their services should be meaningful and take at least a couple of hours each. They must fill out each of the journal pages that go along with the service experience)

Services should be in the areas of:

1. Church
2. Community
3. Using their gifts

They will be given a Confirmation journal to use and fill out during the preparation. Journals are handed out at the first Teen Session. If they do a service or attend a Faith Builder before March, the pages are available on the Confirmation website for them to print and fill out at the time of completion. (they can tape/glue them into their journals later)

Final Interviews

(10 minute talk with an adult to discuss their **completed** journals 2 dates usually in Oct.)

This all may sound overwhelming but, Confirmation is a year away and this preparation actually breaks down to only 16.25 hours. We promise to do our absolute best to help you along the way with reminders and most importantly make it worthwhile for your kids

That being said, **you must sign up for REMIND!** This is our main form of communication and our way to *REMIND* you of upcoming events.

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***please call or email any additional questions*