

# St. Thomas More Confirmation

## Class Schedule Fall 2018

All classes are held at St. Thomas More in the Parish hall. Please choose **Sunday OR Monday classes**. Check off which one you have chosen.

These dates are important to prioritize in your calendar. All classes are a requirement for the Sacrament of Confirmation. However if there is an emergency, please contact:

**youth@stmparish.com or 780-434-6313 ext. 223**

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Sunday Lessons</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Monday Lessons</u>
September 16 <sup>th</sup> : 1:30 – 3:30 **Mandatory Parent and Confirmand Meeting**	September 17 <sup>th</sup> : 6:30 - 8:30 **Mandatory Parent and Confirmand Meeting**
September 23 <sup>th</sup> : 1:30 – 3:30	September 24 <sup>th</sup> : 6:30 - 8:30
September 30 <sup>th</sup> : 1:30 – 3:30	October 1 <sup>st</sup> : 6:30 - 8:30
October 14 <sup>th</sup> : 1:30 – 3:30	October 15 <sup>th</sup> : 6:30 - 8:30
Saturday, October 20 <sup>th</sup> Retreat Choose one: <input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 am – 1:00 pm <input type="checkbox"/> 1:30 pm– 4:30 pm	
October 28 <sup>th</sup> : 1:30 – 3:30 ** Service Projects & Letter to the Archbishop due this day**	October 29 <sup>th</sup> : 6:30 - 8:30 ** Service Projects & Letter to the Archbishop due this day**
November 4 <sup>th</sup> : 1:30 – 3:30 ** Reconciliation will take place during this lesson**	November 5 <sup>th</sup> : 6:30 - 8:30 ** Reconciliation will take place during this lesson**
Friday, November 16 <sup>th</sup> : 6:30 - 8:30 Rehearsal: Mandatory for Parent, Sponsor and Confirmand	
Sunday, Confirmation Mass: November 18 <sup>th</sup> Choose one: <input type="checkbox"/> 3:00 pm <input type="checkbox"/> 6:00 pm	
Sunday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 1:30 – 3:30 Post Confirmation Social & Retreat	

## Confirmation 2018 at St. Thomas More Parish:

### Who may be Confirmed?

Any person baptized in the Roman Catholic Church who has not yet been Confirmed may celebrate this sacrament. At St. Thomas More, this sacrament is celebrated for youth in **Grade's 7-12, in Fall 2018**. Confirmands (those to be confirmed) must go through the confirmation preparation, be properly disposed to receive the sacrament and be able to renew their baptismal promises.

\*\*Children Baptized in an Eastern Catholic Church were likely Confirmed at the time of Baptism and remain members of the Eastern Catholic Church. The Sacrament of Confirmation is not repeated. However they are welcome to join the lessons to learn more about the sacrament. \*\*

\*\* If you have not received 1st Reconciliation or 1st Holy Communion, the Confirmand must attend an EXTRA class (held in the fall), before he or she can be Confirmed. \*\*

### What will be required in order to be confirmed?

The dates of preparation are on the back side of this sheet. All dates are mandatory so please prioritize them.

### To register please follow the steps below:

- Come to ONE of the following drop-in registration dates:
  - Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 am – 12 pm @ St. Thomas More Parish
- Please complete both sides of the attached registration form. If you have any questions or concerns, let us know when you drop off the form.
- Bring:
  - The Confirmand's Baptism certificate, along with the complete mailing address of the church of Baptism. (If not in English the complete certificate must be translated into English).
  - Proof of the sponsor's Baptism and Confirmation. (A certificate is the best for this)
  - \$30.00 for the program materials

**For more information regarding:** Who can be a sponsor, common questions about Confirmation, resources links and more, please see our website: [stmparish.com](http://stmparish.com)

### What is Confirmation really about?

*"In Confirmation the soul of a baptized Christian is imprinted with a permanent seal that can be received only once and marks this individual forever as a Christian. The gift of the Holy Spirit is the strength from above in which this individual puts the grace of his baptism into practice through his life and acts as a 'witness' for Christ." -YouCat 205*

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation means being sent on a mission by the Church for Christ. We see examples of sending for mission throughout the scriptures. For example, Moses encountered God in the form of a burning bush (Exodus 3), and in spite of his protestations, God tasked him with a mission to serve others. Also, the prophet Samuel was sent to anoint David as the future King of Israel (1 Samuel 13), and in the Acts of the Apostles, Peter and John went from place to place confirming new Christians by laying hands upon those who had only previously been Baptized (Acts 8). In a similar manner, the Bishop (or a priest delegated by the Bishop) who celebrates Confirmation comes to lay hands on new Christians, praying that they would receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He then anoints them with oil that they would be strengthened for the mission God is calling each of us to.

Being confirmed is essentially a mutual 'yes' declared by God and by the one being confirmed. The one being confirmed asserts the faith of their Baptism, and asks for the gift of the Holy Spirit that he or she may never be separated from God. God, for his part, affirms His belief in each one of us, and gives us the gift of His very self, promising to stay with us and to help us do all that He has called us to. It takes the initial choice to follow Christ in Baptism a step further: recognizing that each Christian has a distinctive role to play in the Kingdom of God.

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