

Confirmation Syllabus**First and Third Sundays**

(In January 2nd and 4th Sundays)

Date	Material Covered	Concepts
September 18	Parent / Sponsor / Youth Meeting Catholic Faith - What is it?	Lay out Confirmation program - answer any questions Catholic Beliefs and Traditions - Begin to address the roots of the Catholic faith and its value in the world.
October 2	Acting as a Catholic	Catholic Social Justice and our call to live the Gospel in service to one another <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charity and Justice • Stewardship • Life Issues • Developing a Servant's Heart • Social Justice Project
October 16	Sacraments - Graced by God (Baptism and Confirmation)	Looks at the Gift of the Sacraments that Christ has given his Church on earth, our actions in accepting the Sacrament and continual growing into our call as Christians, in the Catholic Tradition. Gifts and call of the Holy Spirit
November 1	Tuesday - All Saints Day (Holy day of Obligation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instituted as a Feast Day to honor all Saints - both known and unknown
November 2	Wednesday - All Soul's Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a day of prayer and commemoration of all the faithful departed especially a time to pray for all souls in purgatory
November 6	Sacraments - Graced by God (Sacrament of the Eucharist and Reconciliation)	Special focus on the gifts that God has given us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and more especially the gift of himself celebrated at every Mass
November 20	Created in the Image of God	What does this mean?
November 27	Advent Begins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During Advent, we prepare our hearts for the Word who brought light into darkness. It is a particularly fitting time to welcome the light of God's forgiveness into the dark places of our sinful lives by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Excerpted from How to Celebrate Christmas as a Catholic, copyright © 2005, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, Our Sunday Visitor, Inc
December 4	I want to be Holy! The Creed Father, Son and Holy Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritual Exercises as an aid to Holiness I BELIEVE - investigating the Creed as our statement of belief - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • focus on the Nicene Creed • choosing to believe • God's existence • Holy Trinity • Revelation

<p>December 8</p>	<p>Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation (Mass 7:00 PM)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A feast of the Conception of Mary began in the Eastern church in the 7th century. It came to the West in the 8th century and in the 11th Century it received the name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal church • In 1854 Pius IX issued the infallible statement: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race was preserved free from all stain of original sin." • This privilege of Mary derives from God's having chosen her as Mother of the Savior; thus she received the benefits of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception. This great gift to Mary, an ordinary human being just like us, was fitting because she was destined to be the Mother of God. The purity and holiness of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a model for all Christians
<p>December 16-18</p>	<p>Confirmation Retreat - REQUIRED</p>	<p>LIFE IN THE SPIRIT RETREAT - Dunrovin Retreat Center</p>
<p>December 25</p>	<p>Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrates the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the World
<p>January 1</p>	<p>New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace" This solemnity, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace (David Bennett 8/15/2008 . Church Year. Net) • one of the oldest feasts of the Church, it was changed to this date following Vatican II, by Pope Paul VI in 1974
<p>January 8</p>	<p>Mary, Saints and Angels</p>	<p>Saying YES! Our models and Our Help</p>
<p>January 22</p>	<p>Gospel (Scripture) and Tradition</p>	<p>What do these mean to us as Catholics - How do they work together? Assign home activity for February 5 - Saint video and reflection</p>
<p>February 5</p>	<p>No Classroom - Enjoy the Super Bowl</p>	<p>Watch Saint Video and do reflection before next class</p>
<p>February 18</p>	<p>Morality Discipleship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conscience • Right and Wrong • Self Respect - Chastity • What does it mean to be a disciple? • Knowing and following Jesus Christ • Growing in Faith

February 22	Ash Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning of Lent - 40 days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving - a time of penance and conversion, for cleaning out the old in our lives that hinders our relationship with Jesus Christ. It begins on this day with a signing with ashes and a call to turn from sin and live the Gospel. We are called to perform some actions that will be transformative as we approach Easter - both spiritually and physically, so that we may become more like Christ.
March 4	Discernment I - Who am I Called to Be?	Theology of the Body for Teens (Video)
March 18	Discernment II - Who am I Called to Be?	<i>What are your gifts and calling?</i> <i>Catholic Vocation- single, married, religious</i>
April 1	Palm Sunday Catholic Connections - One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic	Belonging to the universal Church
April 5-7	Holy Thursday - Good Friday - Passion and Death of Jesus Holy Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Triduum Institution of the ordained Priesthood, and the Eucharist Passion and Death of Jesus Easter Vigil - the Church begins to Celebrate the Light of the Resurrection
April 8	EASTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Celebration of the Resurrection continues and will for the next 50 days
April 15	Evangelization - Sending Forth	Living the Gospel and sharing and continued growth in the Faith
April 28	RITE OF SENDING	4:30 Mass followed by dinner reception for all confirmands, families and sponsors - Service projects due and displayed
MAY 7	MONDAY - CONFIRMATION 7:00 PM	CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL - ST. PAUL MN