

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2025-2026

SESSION ONE – SEPTEMBER 21

What is the purpose of this course?

On Sunday, January 25, 2026, Bishop Knisely will visit Saints Matthew and Mark Church and administer Confirmation. This course aims to give you the ability to make an informed decision about whether to be confirmed at that service.

What happens in Confirmation?

When you were baptized, your parents and godparents promised to bring you up in the Church's faith and life. In Confirmation, you affirm that faith for yourself and take responsibility for the promises that your parents and godparents made for you. The bishop lays hands on your head and prays that God will strengthen you to fulfill this commitment. (The word Confirmation comes from the Latin verb "to strengthen.")

Do I have a choice?

Yes. It is your decision, and no one else's.

What is a good reason to be confirmed?

The only good reason to be confirmed is that you have made an informed decision that you are ready to affirm your faith and commit yourself to living out your baptismal promises.

What is not a good reason to be confirmed?

You should not be confirmed just because your parents or other family members expect you to do so. Or because your friends are being confirmed. Or because it seems to be the thing to do at your age. Again, it needs to be your decision – and this course aims to give you the knowledge to make an informed and responsible decision.

What if I don't have faith?

Many young people (and adults) have questions and doubts. That is normal. Faith is a gift that comes from God. This course cannot "give you faith." What this course can do is help you understand *the Church's faith*. That way, when the gift of faith comes, you'll have a basic understanding of what it means and the language to express it.

What if I don't want to be confirmed?

If, as a result of this course, you make an *informed* decision not to be confirmed, this course will have achieved its purpose just as well as if you decide that you do want to be confirmed. The goal is an informed decision, regardless of the outcome.

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SESSION ONE – QUESTIONS

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. Do you know where and when you were baptized? (If not, ask your parents.) How old were you?

2. Who are your godparents? (If you don't know, ask your parents.)

MULTIPLE CHOICE (circle the letter of the one best answer)

1. A good reason to be confirmed is:
 - a. To have a party
 - b. Because your parents want you to
 - c. Because your friends are getting confirmed
 - d. To make a mature commitment to your faith
 - e. To get a picture with the bishop

2. This course aims to:
 - a. Tell you what to believe
 - b. Tell you how to act
 - c. Help you make an informed decision on being confirmed
 - d. Make you a better person
 - e. Waste your time

TRUE OR FALSE (circle one)

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| 1. If you decide not to be confirmed, this course has failed its purpose | T | F |
| 2. It is your choice whether to be confirmed or not | T | F |
| 3. In Confirmation, you take on the promises made at your baptism | T | F |
| 4. In Confirmation, you make a mature commitment of faith | T | F |
| 5. Questions and doubts make you a bad person | T | F |
| 6. Confirmation means “strengthening” | T | F |

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SCHEDULE – 2025/2026

Lesson 1	September 21	Introduction (In Person)
Lesson 2	September 28	The Bible I
Lesson 3	October 5	The Bible II
Lesson 4	October 12	The Bible III
Lesson 5	October 19	The Apostles' Creed I
Lesson 6	October 26	The Apostles' Creed II
Lesson 7	November 2	The Apostles' Creed III
Lesson 8	November 9	Ten Commandments I
Lesson 9	November 16	Ten Commandments II
Lesson 10	November 23	The Lord's Prayer I
Lesson 11	November 30	The Lord's Prayer II
Lesson 12	December 7	Worship and Sacraments I
Lesson 13	December 14	Worship and Sacraments II
Lesson 14	December 21	The Church
	December 28	(Christmas Break)
Lesson 15	January 4	The Church Year
	January 11	Church Membership
Lesson 16	January 18	Practice for Confirmation (in Person)
	January 25	BISHOP'S VISITATION AND CONFIRMATION