

# SJR YR 2 Confirmation

## Candidate and Parent Information

### Sacrament Prep Session and Retreats

- Prep Session
  - Sundays starting 9/12 thru 5/1 from 6-8 PM in the Parish Center, as part of SJR's Youth Ministry time
    - Will not meet on school three-day weekends or breaks
  - Catholic School Candidates are always invited and encouraged to be part of in-person session. They can attend the Confirmation breakout session or remain with the high school group.
  - The expectation is that all candidates will present from 6-8 PM
  - Typical YM evening schedule, plus we often gather for a communal snack or meal
    - 6 – 6:30 Sport and Gym time
    - 6:30 – 6:45 Scripture time
      - The next Sunday readings will be used
    - 6:45 – 7:45 breakout sessions (MS Youth Group & 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Rel ED, HS Youth Group, and Confirmation Prep)
    - 6:45 – 8 Gathered prayer and announcements
- **Parish Mission Sunday Oct 3 is required** for candidates and a parent, but the entire family is invited to hear Chris Padgett. We will meet in the Church for this session
- Retreat
  - The Dioceses of Rochester requires one retreat during each year of Confirmation Prep
  - SJR offers 3 opportunities for YR 1 Candidates to fulfill this requirement
    - **Sat. Oct 23, 2021, 10 AM – 6 PM**, Mass included: lunch will be served and an opportunity for Confession will be available: \$10 cost for snacks and lunch
      - Registration will open Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon, and be available on the Confirmation page of SJR's website (limit of 30 Candidates)
    - **Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> NCYC at Camp Stella Maris**
      - NCYC is the National Catholic Youth Conference and is a time for 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade to gather with other Catholic teens across the country to learn about topics that directly relate to their personal life, faith, and connection to their communities.
        - Registration will open Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon, and be available on the Confirmation page of SJR's website (open to 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> gr)
    - **Sat. Jan 15, 2022, 10 AM – 6 PM**, Mass included: lunch will be served and an opportunity for Confession will be available: \$10 cost for snacks and lunch
      - Registration will open Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon, and be available on the Confirmation page of SJR's website (limit of 30 Candidates)
    - **Fri. April 1 – Sun. April 3, 2022:** Annual Youth Ministry Weekend Retreat at Camp Stella Maris: \$40
      - Registration will be open in January
- Immediate Prep and Confirmation – TBD
  - This is a session specific to the Celebration of Confirmation
  - Once the date is set for Confirmation, I will share this date

### Candidate and Parent/Sponsor Session

- 5 discussion with Sponsor or Parent based on readings, scripture, and videos
  - **Emailed out to parents of Candidate** and available on the Confirmation page of SJR's website
  - All discussion will be available the first of the month they are due
    - Discussion 1 due by Oct 15
    - Discussion 2 due to Nov 15
    - Discussion 3 due Jan 15
    - Discussion 4 due Feb 15
    - Discussion 5 due Mar 15

## Parish Ministry Participation and Service

- All candidates are expected to share their time and talents with their parish through participating in parish life. Giving of you self in this way helps you to build a greater connection with your faith and church family. This can be accomplished in several ways:
  - Faith Formation events – sign up links will be available on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021
    - Contact Pam Sikora with any questions
    - Volunteering to assist with two of the monthly Family Gatherings for our Family of Faith Religious education sessions
      - 2 session required
      - Family Gatherings begin in Oct and go thru May
    - Family Advent Day and Wreath Session
      - Sat Nov 27
    - Lenten Resurrection Garden Session
      - Sat 19, 2022
  - Liturgical Ministries
    - Contact Amy Voll ([amy.voll@dor.org](mailto:amy.voll@dor.org) or call 585-248-5993) to sign-up or with questions
    - Some suggestions include:
      - Altar Serving
      - Playing or singing during one of the weekend Masses
      - Ushering during Mass
      - Liturgical Reader – proclaiming the Old or New Testament Readings during Mass

## Miscellaneous

- **Volunteers** will be needed for in person help during retreats – an email will be sent asking for help specific needs (i.e.: setting up lunch during our retreats at SJR or chaperoning the weekend retreat)
- **Covid Protocols** – SJR YM will follow what the surrounding school districts set up.
  - Masking maybe required based on what schools do
- Family included events: we will have a few family invited events, including:
  - Adoration, Sunday Dec. 12 – exact time will be shared later