

SJR YR 1 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 middle school group if there are in 8th grade or with the high school group if they are in 9th grade.
 - 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 & 6th and 7th Rel ED, HS Youth Group and Confirmation Prep)
 - 7:45 – 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 1^{4th} at Noon, and be available on the Confirmation page of SJR's website (limit of 30 Candidates)
 - **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 14th 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

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 – this session invites you to prayer and think about who a good faith role model would be to support you during you 2 year faith journey towards Confirmation
 - 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 1st, 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 Advent Day and Wreath Session
 - Sat Nov 27
 - Lenten Resurrection Garden Session
 - Sat 19, 2022
 - Liturgical Ministries
 - Contact Amy Voll (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 (ie: 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 included events, including:
 - Adoration, Sunday Dec. 12 – exact time will be shared at a later date