

Most Precious Blood Faith Formation 2019 Youth Confirmation Preparation

The MPB Confirmation Preparation Program is designed for youth under age 21 who have already completed or are currently participating in their **second year** of High School Faith Formation (includes Youth Group) in either a parish setting or a Catholic High School, and/or have a demonstrated character of readiness for the sacrament.

Proof of baptism and reception of the sacrament of Eucharist are required for all candidates who did not celebrate these Sacraments of Initiation at MPB. The Confirmation Preparation Program does not take the place of the regular age-appropriate faith formation program *and presumes* that the candidate for this sacrament participates in a faith formation program (parish or school) and attends Mass regularly. **Missed sessions (for any reason) must be made up.** If parents and/or candidates have questions or concerns about sacramental readiness or requirements, they should meet with the Pastor and the Faith Formation Director to discuss them as soon as possible.

Preparation Schedule (sessions 1-7 are on Sundays, in the Youth Room)

January 20	9-10:15 AM	Session 1	candidates and parents	
February 10	9-10:15 AM	Session 2	candidates only	ALL
March 17	9-10:15 AM	Session 3	“	SESSIONS
April 14	9-10:15 AM	Session 4	“	INCLUDE
May 19	9-10:15 AM	Session 5	“	8 or 10:30
September 22	9-10:15 AM	Session 6	“	MASS!!!
October 20	9-10:15 AM	Session 7		
November 9	1-4:00 PM	First part of Retreat- Candidates only; followed by 4:00 Mass (includes Commitment Ceremony)		
November 9	5-8:30 PM (includes dinner)	Second part of Retreat- Candidates and Sponsors		

All Confirmation candidates are expected to participate in some form of liturgical ministry at either the 8 AM or 10:30 Mass on the Sundays we have sessions, and all are to be present for the Retreat and Commitment Ceremony on Saturday, November 9. Service at Mass is part of the 10 hour parish service requirement.

Sacramental preparation also includes community service, several written reflections, and submission of a letter to the Bishop requesting the sacrament. These requirements will be reviewed throughout the program. The letter to the Bishop must be submitted no later than November 9. Sponsor letters of recommendation must be received by October 20. If any of these requirements presents a hardship (due to illness, disability, etc.), please discuss them with the Faith Formation Director (Theresa Walker) or the Pastor (Fr. John).

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in late November or early December, 2019, and is dependent upon the schedule of the Bishop. Candidates and their families will be notified as soon as we are assigned a date and time by the Secretary to the Bishop, usually in early Fall.