

Confirmation Year 1: 9th Grade



**Braintree Catholic Collaborative
St. Francis of Assisi & St. Clare
Confirmation Calendar 2023-2024**

Dear Parent/Guardian & Confirmation Student,

Peace of Christ! We welcome you to the Braintree Catholic Collaborative Confirmation program. This is the first of a **two-year** program designed to prepare you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2025. We have redesigned our program from past years with you in mind. We realize that our young people are in a classroom 30+ hours each week, so we wanted to design a Confirmation program that isn't solely classroom based while still enabling them to live the 3E's: **Encounter** with Jesus Christ, **Engage** in learning your Catholic Faith and, heed the Gospel call to **Evangelize**, i.e. live your faith and tell others about it.

Our goal is for our teens to develop a friendship with Jesus that helps them form their moral compass for the decisions they will have to make throughout their lives. We plan to accomplish this by giving the teens the tools they need to embrace, appreciate and live out their Catholic faith post-Confirmation. Frequent participation at Sunday Mass will help our teens gain a deeper appreciation for their Catholic faith and the Sacramental Life of the Church. **So, what do we expect of you as you prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation late next spring?**

- 1. Participation in Sunday Religious Education Class and the 6 pm Mass:** The schedule below will detail the classes for the year. Teens should begin arriving to the lower church at St. Clare around 4:45pm to check in and be able to chat with each other before the 5 pm Opening Prayer and that week's lesson & discussion. Following class, students are strongly encouraged to attend the 6 pm Mass, as we are seeking to gear it toward youth. [We understand if there is a younger child in the family who attends morning Religious Education class and you attend the 10:15am Mass beforehand as a family. We are not asking the teens to attend a separate Mass from their families.] Since everything we are as Catholic Christians begins and leads back to the Eucharist, its importance cannot be stressed enough. To that end, students will be given "tickets" for each Sunday of the Religious Education year. Whatever Mass you attend in the Braintree Catholic Collaborative, please bring your ticket and hand it to Father **after** Mass when you shake his hand. If you are traveling during vacation periods, or have to attend another parish, we ask you bring that parish bulletin to class/Mass the following week.
- 2. Christian Service:** Following Jesus commandment to "love one another as I have loved you", Christian service is a great responsibility entrusted to us by the Lord. We ask that Confirmation candidates complete a minimum of **ten** hours of service, with at least **three** hours of service being at the Braintree Catholic Collaborative (St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare Parishes). The remaining seven hours should be in the community at large, and may be combined with service hours done as a requirement at your high school. A Service Log is included in this packet.
- 3. At all events,** the understanding is that students will be 1) Prepared; 2) Respectful; 3) Willing Participants and; 4) Reverent Mass Attendees.



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What can *you* expect from *us*? The teens can expect from the priests, the Catechists/Small Group Leaders and guest speakers that we will be: 1) Prepared; 2) Respectful; 3) Confidential; 4) Safe and; 5) Faithful.

How can Parents/Guardians help their teen live this Confirmation program? By: 1) Attending Mass with their teen(s); 2) Praying **with** and **for** their teen(s) during this process and; 3) Engage their teen(s) in discussions regarding the topics of each class.

Parents/Guardians are **always** welcome to sit in on the presentations, but we respectfully ask they not participate in the Small Group Discussions.

Attendance/absence Policy:

The goal of our Confirmation Preparation program is for you to **Encounter** Jesus, **Engage** with your Catholic faith and be prepared to **Evangelize** others both before **and** after Confirmation. Therefore, regular attendance and participation in the program (Lesson 5-5:45 and the Mass) is essential. But, life happens and we understand that.

Whenever an absence is *foreseen*, please let Fr. Kevin know (KLeaver@sfab.org) the date of and the reason for the absence **ASAP** so he can mark it in his records. As in school there will be a distinction between **excused** and **unexcused** absences. **Any class a student misses will need to be made up.** Make-up sessions will be offered on Saturday morning from 9am-12 noon, **date and location to be determined based on priest's schedules**

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Christian Service Hourly Log

Teen Name: _____

Date/Time of Project	Project Supervisor Signature	Description of Project
Total Service Hours:		



CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE 2023-2024

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Combined [1]	9/24/23	Orientation: Parents/Teens. UPSTAIRS at St. Clare
9 [2]	10/1/23	Presentation 1: Who am I? Identity and Worth from a Catholic Perspective
10 [2]	10/8/23	Presentation 1: Who am I? Identity and Worth from a Catholic Perspective
9 [3]	10/15/23	Discussion 1: Created by love, for love. (Small Group Session w/Discussion Questions)
10 [3]	10/22/23	Discussion 1: Created by love, for love. (Small Group Session w/Discussion Questions)
Combined [4]	10/29/23	Presentation 2: Called to Holiness: Saints Hall of Fame
9 [5]	11/5/23	Presentation 3: The God question
10 [5]	11/12/23	Presentation 3: The God question (Confirmation Saint Reflection due)
Super Saturday Option 1 (10th)	11/18/23	11am-5pm. [Sophomores who choose option 1 are exempted from class on 12/3]— Workshop Choices sheet due 10/22
9 [6]	11/19/23	Discussion 2: The God question (SGS w/DQs)
Combined [7/6]	11/26/23 End of Thanksgiving Weekend	Family Faith Event Grades 1-10 after 10:15 am Mass at St. Clare (Advent). No evening meeting.
10 [7]	12/3/23	Discussion 2: The God question (SGS w/DQs)
Combined [8]	12/10/23	Presentation 4: The Jesus Question
Combined [9]	12/17/23	Presentation 5: Life In Christ- Healing and Reconciliation
9 [10]	1/7/24	<i>Issue Night: Stress & Anxiety before exams(??)</i>
10 [10]	1/21/24	<i>Issue Night: TBD</i>
Combined [11]	1/28/24	Family Faith Event Grades 1-10 after 10:15 am Mass at St. Clare (Lent). No evening meeting.
9 [12]	2/4/24	Presentation 6/Discussion 3: Who is the Holy Spirit? How do I “listen” to Him?
10 [12]	2/11/24	Presentation 6/Discussion 3: Who is the Holy Spirit? How do I “listen” to Him?
9 [13]	3/3/24	Presentation 7: The Body of Christ
Combined [14/13]	3/10/24	In conversation with Guest Speaker. Details TBD.
10 [14]	3/17/24	Presentation 7: The Body of Christ
Combined [15]	3/24/24	Presentation 8: The Liturgical Life of the Church—Entering into Holy Week
	3/31/24	Easter Sunday. No evening meeting, NO 6 pm Mass.
Combined [16]	4/7/24	Presentation 9: Making Moral Decisions
Super Saturday Option2 (10th)	4/27/24	11 am-5pm Workshop Choices sheet due 4/7
9 [17]	4/28/24	Presentation 10: Called, Chosen, Sent
10 [17]	5/4/24	Presentation 10: Called, Chosen, Sent

Grade 9 classes are NOT highlighted. Grade 10 in Blue. Combined in Green.