

CONFIRMATION YEAR ONE CALENDAR OF LESSONS '24 - '25

TEXT: *Called to Mercy* by Saint Mary's Press (Digital) & the *Pocket Gospels & Psalms*

TOPIC: *Called to Mercy's* Confirmation curriculum combines the flexibility of digital learning with the power of community interaction. The result: engaging, relevant, and deeply reflective opportunities for a true spiritual conversion to lives that give witness to Jesus' call and the Church's mission of mercy.

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>Session Theme:</u>	<u>FOCUS:</u>
9/15/24 Mark 8:27-35 Jesus asks: <i>"Who do people say that I AM?"</i>	First Gathering	Parent/Candidate Orientation: Introduce the youth to our Confirmation preparation program. Discuss with parents the goals, objectives and expectations & familiarization with the preparation process Gathered and to provide all the information needed to sign up and begin the program.
	From Called To Mercy: Introductory/Overview Begins with Mass 5:30pm – 8:00pm	At the heart of the formation experience of this program are Jesus' teachings and the Church's call to live as people of mercy. All the online learning modules for this program lead down this path: to understand what it means to be a person of mercy and to commit our lives to living mercifully toward others.
10/6/24 Mark 10:14-16 Jesus Blesses the Children	Module 1: Nice to Meet You!	-Welcome & Express Yourself -What Matters to Me? & Whom Do You Enjoy? -Important to Me -Relationships Matter
11/3/24 Mark 12:28-34 <i>"You are to love the person next to you the way you love yourself"</i>	Module 2: True Happiness Begins with Mass 5:30pm - 8:00pm	-Happiness or Pleasure? -True Happiness -Pope Francis' Top Ten List -The People in the Shadows
12/8/24 Luke 8:3:1-6 <i>"Prepare the Lord's road!"</i>	Module 3: The Gift of Happiness Begins with Mass 5:30pm - 8:00pm	-Strong Foundation -Courage to Do What's Right - It's a Gift -Gifts of the Holy Spirit -Strength of the Spirit
1/12/25 Luke 3:15-22 The Baptism of Jesus	Module 4: Doing What We Believe Begins with Mass 5:30pm - 8:00pm	- Confirmed for What? - Doing What You Believe -Who Inspires You -Jesus' Call to Live What We Believe -Who Models Faith for You?

3/2/25
Luke 6:39-45
Do not judge
your neighbor:
analogy of the
speck and log.

Module 5: Guides along the Way
Begins with Mass
5:30pm - 8:00pm

- Jesus, Our Ultimate
- Other Guides for Our Journey
- In Communion with the Saints
- Without a Doubt

3/30/25
Luke 15:1-32
The Story of
the Return of
the Lost Son

**Year One Service & Solidarity
Retreat: Church and Parish Center
2-6:30 p.m.**

The retreat focuses on the corporal works of mercy and allows the young people to reflect on a variety of service experiences.

GOALS OF THE RETREAT:

- Christian Service** – making a plan to reach out to our community to serve the poor and vulnerable
- Community Building** - small group activities, challenges, Mass, & reflections
- Personal Growth** - simulation experience that will help students better understand and help the poor and marginalized in our world
- Have Fun** - icebreakers & activities

4/27/25
John 20:19-31
*"Happy are
those who
have not seen
Me, and
believe*

**RITE OF ACCEPTANCE
At the 5:30pm Mass**

June – August

SUMMER BREAK

- 2025/2026 Schedule to be determined in Spring of 2025
- Exact date of Confirmation will be determined by the Bishop during late summer 2025.
- There will be a 2nd retreat experience during Year 2 that the candidates will be expected to attend.

****Candidates and their families are strongly encouraged to attend the weekly Youth & Family Mass being offered Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Groups will meet immediately following Mass until 8pm.**

Being on time is expected. Attendance is mandatory.

8/20/2024