

How St. Luke's Confirmation Program Works

Summary:

A two year program (9th & 10th Grade) • Helps the candidate embrace their baptismal call • Helps the candidate grow in knowledge of Jesus • Helps the candidate understand the church and the sacraments • Helps the candidate recognize the activity of the holy spirit • Helps the candidate understand the Rite of Confirmation

Personal Component:

Ninth graders (Phase I) complete an “initial interview” that helps us get to know them better and to learn what their expectations are regarding the 2-year preparation process.

In the beginning of their second year, our *tenth graders (Phase II)* are asked to complete a “middle interview” and immediately before becoming confirmed will participate in a final interview.

Spiritual Component: One-Day Retreats and the Antioch Retreat

Liturgical Component:

Our monthly 6:00PM Confirmation Contemporary Family Liturgies – attendance is taken

Rite of Entrance for 9th grade before beginning the period of Invitation – a must attend

Rite of Covenant for 10th grade before beginning the more intense period of preparation – a must attend

Rite of Confirmation ~ celebrated at a Eucharistic Liturgy at the conclusion of the 2-year program.

Service Component:

Ninth graders are introduced through various activities to what it means to help build Church based on our Catholic principles of justice and love.

Tenth graders are being asked to partner with someone who is actively involved in a St. Luke Ministry. This will require they spend at least one hour a month from October – May working with their ministry mentor learning what it means to be Church.

Confirmation: What is Expected?

Each candidate for the sacrament of Confirmation is encouraged to know the Lord in a personal and intimate way, to experience a sense of belonging to the Christian community, and to respond to the Gospel mandate of Christian service.

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation

- are expected to participate in Sunday Mass and receive the sacraments regularly
- + should devote time to personal prayer and reading the Scriptures
- + are expected to attend all regularly scheduled classes in the Confirmation program
- + are expected to participate in community prayer services and in the annual retreat
- + are expected to manifest Christian charity and kindness to others, especially other catechists and other Confirmation candidates.