

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

<u>Theme</u>	<u>Date and time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Why?</u> Why are we here? Why bother with Confirmation? Why, Why, Why?	Sunday 2/21 9:45-11am	Youth room
<u>Jesus</u> Who is Jesus? What did He do? Is He still working, here and now?	Sunday 3/7 9:45-11am	Youth room
<u>Awaken</u> If Jesus says who He says He is, then surely, He can “do it” for me.	Sunday 4/18 9:45-11am	Youth room
<u>Repent and believe</u> When we have awakened by the transformative love of God, we ought to live our lives with a contrite heart.	Sunday 5/23 9:45-11am	Youth room
<u>Sense of belonging</u> We belong to God, God ‘Wants’ us in communion with Him.	Sunday 9/26 9:45-11am	Youth room
<u>Knowing the Holy Spirit</u> Who is The Holy Spirit? What does The HS do? How can I live my life rooted with The HS?	Sunday 10/10 9:45-11am	Youth room
<u>Sacraments</u> Why are the sacraments important? What do they do for us? Striving to live our lives in full communion with God is not just a routine to follow	Sunday 11/14 9:45-11am	Youth room
<u>Prayer</u> Prayer changes everything, spending time with our Heavenly Father is crucial for our relationship with Him.	Sunday 12/12 9:45-11am	Youth room

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Part 1 (Spring)	Part 2 (Fall)
<u>Session 1: Why?</u> Why are we here? Why bother with Confirmation? Why, Why, Why?	<u>Session 5: Sense of belonging</u> We belong to God, God 'Wants' us in communion with Him. There we can rejoice in an ongoing relationship with a God who loves us, very well.
<u>Session 2: Jesus</u> Who is Jesus? What did He do? Is He still working, here and now?	<u>Session 6: Knowing The Holy Spirit</u> Who is The Holy Spirit? What does The HS do? How can I live my life rooted with The HS?
<u>Session 3: Awaken</u> If Jesus says who He says He is, then surely, He can "do it" for me. Jesus did and does so much beyond our understanding. What may seem impossible to us, is possible in Christ. Are we willing to come before The Lord, just as we are. Christ awakens the deepest parts of our brokenness, confusion and hurt. All we must do is, give him a chance and a mustard seed of faith.	<u>Session 7: Sacraments</u> Why are the sacraments important? What do they do for us? Striving to live our lives in full communion with God is not just a routine to follow. It is a necessary way of life; Christ gives us himself today through the sacraments. We have an option today and forever to respond to the sacraments of love. God wants us, He doesn't need us. The sacraments are both personal and universal. Christ has brought us ALL together to the banquet at the alter to receive the highest peak of Him, living here today in the Eucharist and so we should rejoice.
<u>Session 4: Repent and believe</u> When we have awakened by the transformative love of God, we ought to live our lives with a contrite heart. Repenting with honesty and choosing to believe in the goodness of God in all He has done for us.	<u>Session 8: Prayer</u> Prayer changes everything, spending time with our Heavenly Father is crucial for our relationship with Him. Just like we spend time with friends and family. How can we root ourselves in prayer. We remain connected with God in our own unique way. How do we listen, respond and then do?

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The Confirmation Retreat is a required part of Confirmation preparation and is a time for us to come together as we prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Throughout the retreat, we will focus on what it means to live as disciples of Christ, to be witnesses of His love, and to open our lives more fully to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation is not simply a moment we prepare to receive. It is an invitation to allow the Holy Spirit to work within us and lead our lives according to the will of God the Father. Through prayer, reflection, teaching, and fellowship, we will take time to encounter the Holy Spirit and consider how He is calling each of us to live.

We will also explore what it means to become a living testimony of Christ through our ongoing discipleship. Our faith is not meant to remain within the walls of the Church; it is meant to be lived and shared through the way we serve, love, and care for those around us.

Attendance at the Confirmation Retreat is required for all Confirmation candidates. This retreat is an important part of preparing both the mind and heart to receive the Sacrament and to understand the responsibility that comes with being confirmed in the Catholic faith.

Together, we will pause, listen, pray, and prepare our hearts to receive the Holy Spirit so that we may go forth as faithful disciples, witnesses for Christ.

Date: Saturday, February 13, 2027

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Youth Center in Guardian Angels Catholic Church, Oakdale

ENROLLMENT OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE - 2027

LEGAL NAME _____

(Name to be printed on certificate.) First

Middle

Last

BIRTHDATE _____ **BAPTISM DATE** _____

Month/Day/Year

Month/Day/Year (Approx.)

CHURCH OF BAPTISM _____

Name of Church

Street Address

City/State of Church

GODPARENT _____ **GODPARENT** _____

FATHER'S NAME _____

First

Last

MOTHER'S NAME _____

First

Maiden Name

ADDRESS _____

Street Address

City/State/Zip

PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER _____

**If your child was NOT baptized at Guardian Angels
You need to get a CURRENT (issued within that last 6 months)
copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate.**

You should contact the church of baptism and request that they issue a new certificate to be sent to Guardian Angels Church, 8260 4th St. N, Oakdale, MN 55128. The Archdiocese requires a certificate issued within the last six months. A current copy is sufficient because it will not be returned

Please complete this form no later than February 21, 2027.

Office:

Certificate Received:

Date Verified:

Church Address:

Profession of Faith: