

Welcome to Confirmation Orientation!

Grade 9/1st year

Tonight's Schedule:

- Welcome
- Breakout Groups:
 - Parents: Church
 - Students in Grade 9 (1st year): Chapel
- Community Service, Parish Service & Liturgical Participation sign up in the Hall

GRADE 9/1ST YEAR STUDENTS

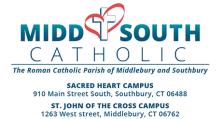
Before you leave tonight sign up in the Hall for...(parents initial sign up forms)

- 1 Community Service Project and/or Mission Trip
- 1 Parish Service Project (a minimum of 1 is required, but you can always try more!)
- 1 Liturgical Participation

Mission Trip Information:

Date	Time	Participation	Location		
10.8.23	5:00 PM	Information Meeting for <u>New Participants</u>	Chapel		

Contact Ami Conlan ami@mscatholic.org with Mission Trip questions.



First Year Program Overview

- 1) Attend all (6) G.I.F.T. Sessions
- 2) Complete all (4) Confirmation Workshops over 2 years (suggest two per year minimum):
 - 1. November 5, 2023 **"Prayer"** (student only) 7:00-8:30 PM Sacred Heart Campus
 - 2. December 3, 2023 **"Morality"** (student & parent/s) 7:00-8:30 PM Sacred Heart Campus
 - 3. January 2024 **"Holy Spirit"** (student only) <u>Online</u> January-February
 - 4. April 7, 2024 **"The Creed"** (student only) 7:00-8:30 PM Sacred Heart Campus
- If you are attending the 2024 Mission Trip go to #5 (Attending Mission Trip counts as 1 Community Service credit)
- 4) Complete (1) Community Service project (sign up tonight):
 - Choose <u>one</u> of these options (dates & times in the Hall): « Southbury / Middlebury Food Banks
 - « St. Vincent de Paul Shelter
 - « Haiti ministry
 - « River Glen / Middlebury Convalescent Home
 - « Homeless Outreach
- 5) **Complete (1) Parish Service Project (sign up in the Hall).** Many projects are available for sign up tonight. *Others will be added and posted on the Faith Formation bulletin board throughout the year.* A minimum of (1) is required, but why not try more?

- 6) Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days-(1) Mass reflection sheet per month. Pick up and return the sheet near the SHC sacristy or back table at SJCC. Complete during any SHC/SJCC Mass that month. Please note this is done on campus. No online Masses.
- 7) Complete (1) Liturgical Participation event or liturgy (sign up in the Hall): ROC Mass participant, Faith Walk (role/reader), Altar Server, Youth Choir, ROC Band, Online Mass & Broadcasting
- Participate in the Grade 9 (1st year) Rite of Calling, a welcome and initiation Mass, October 7, 2023 5:00 PM Sacred Heart Campus (parents and students), followed by a cake & punch social gathering for all.
- 9) Complete (1) Confirmation Saint Name report. Your saint name = your Confirmation name! Due at the January 2024 GIFT session!
- 10) Complete (1) "Choose a Sponsor Form" and hand in a Sponsor Certificate if they are not from MiddSouth Catholic Parish. Due at the January 2024 GIFT session!

An update with status of commitments is sent home in January 2024.

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Grade 9 or First Year Checklist

FYI SECOND YEAR: The grade 10 (2nd year) of preparation includes the same Community and Parish service, Liturgical participation, Mass reflection, and a Retreat, Grade 10 Rite of Covenant, interview, letter to the Bishop and Fr. Bob and the celebration of Confirmation in May of 2025.