

Welcome to Confirmation Orientation!

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

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 New Participants	Chapel

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

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CATHOLIC
The Roman Catholic Parish of Middlebury and Southbury

SACRED HEART CAMPUS
910 Main Street South, Southbury, CT 06488

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS CAMPUS
1263 West street, Middlebury, CT 06762

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) **Online** January-February
 4. April 7, 2024 "The Creed" (student only) 7:00-8:30 PM Sacred Heart Campus
- 3) 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 one 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
- 8) 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.

Grade 9 or First Year Checklist

GIFT		SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
4 Workshops- over 2 years	1 Community Service	1 Parish Service	1 Liturgical Participation	1 Grade 9 Rite	1 Saint Name Report	1 Sponsor	12 Sept-August 1 per month Mass Part
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1 is required but you can do more!

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.