

Confirmation FYI

May 16, 2018



In the Spring of 2017 all parishes in the Diocese of Green Bay were asked to look at how and where Confirmations were being celebrated. This came in response to the retirement of Bishop Banks and Bishop Morneau. Bishop Ricken had to make some major changes in regard to the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation in parishes. These changes affected most of the parishes in our diocese. What this means for our parishes of Winneconne and Omro is that we will only be able to celebrate Confirmation every other year.

That means for the foreseeable future our parishes will be celebrating Confirmation in the odd years (2017, 2019, 2021, etc.). To ensure the opportunity of Confirmation to our high school youth before they graduate high school we have had to make adjustments to our HS and Confirmation programs. As we transition to this new schedule, changes are little by little being implemented into the Confirmation program. You will find the tentative calendar below. Please keep in mind that both sophomores and juniors in the fall of 2018 will prepare together (mostly) for Confirmation, which will then be celebrated during the fall of 2019.

Tentative Confirmation Prep schedule for Confirmation in the fall of 2019

Sunday, October 14	Orientation meeting at 9:15 with enrollment at Mass at 10:30. This is for 10 th and 11 th grade students. Held in Kaudy Hall.
September 12-December 12	Alpha Sessions for parents, 10 th grade, 11 th grade and sponsors.
Sunday, November 4	High School Evangelization Night – for ALL HS students. 4:45 Bus leaves St. Mary Church parking lot. Estimated time of return is 7:30
Saturday, January 5, 2019	Confirmation Retreat for 10 th graders. This is a diocesan requirement. If this date does not work for the student, we will work with you to find an alternate date.
Sunday, February 3, 2019	Confirmation Retreat for 11 th graders. This is a diocesan requirement. If this date does not work for the student, we will work with you to find an alternate date.
2 nd Semester Classes 6:30-8:00 These class dates/times are for all HS students	January 9, January 23, February 13, February 27
Sunday, March 3, 2019	Immediate Prep for Confirmation 10 th & 11 th
Sunday, April 7	Immediate Prep for Confirmation 10 th & 11 th
Sunday, May 5	Immediate Prep for Confirmation 10 th & 11 th
August, Exit Interviews	Interviews will be schedule for all Confirmation students during two weeks in August. Dates TBD.
Sunday, September 8	Immediate Prep for Confirmation 11 th & 12 th
1 st Semester 2019 classes for 11 th grade Confirmation Candidates.	September 11, September 18, September 25, October 9
Sunday, October 6, 2019	Immediate Prep for Confirmation 11 th & 12 th

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