

# St. Christopher Catholic Church

## Confirmation Preparation Calendar 2023-24

**\*Confirmandi (student) and at least one parent are expected to attend each session. Both parents are welcome.**  
**\*Please invite your sponsor starting in Sept. Always bring your journal & red folder (provided at first session).**

**Sun January 22 9:45-10:45am**

**Parent/Student Intro meeting Social Hall**

\*takes the place of EDGE for 8th grade today only

**Fri February 3 & Sat Feb 4 7:00pm-7:00pm**

**Student Kickoff Overnight Retreat @ church**

\*parents join us for closing dinner Feb 4 @ 5:30pm

**Sun February 26 All Masses**

**Confirmation Commitment Sunday**

**Sun March 12 @ 3:00-8:30pm**

**N.E.T. Retreat at Immaculate Conception (Ira)**

**Sun March 19 @ 1:00-3:00pm**

**Session One: Life is Choices**

\* Orientation and Overview of the process

\* Sponsor Requirements

**Session Two: What's Holding You Back?**

**Sun. April 16 @ 1:00-3:00pm**

**Recap 2 (30 Min)**

**Session Three: The Jesus Question**

**Finalize Sponsor - G & S Role Play**

**Divine Mercy Prayer**

**Talk about VBS**

**Sun, May 21 @ 1:00-4:00pm**

**Session Four: The Prayer Process**

**Called to Serve (Open for Discussion) Delay until rolled out**

\* Sponsor verification form due

\* Lunch provided

\* Questions and Answers with Fr. James

Choose One or More for you and your sponsor

**June 19-22 @ 6:30-8:30pm**

**June 26-29 @ 6:00-9:00pm**

**Vacation Bible School Set-Up**

**Vacation Bible School Volunteer**

**9<sup>th</sup> grade invited to QUEST High School Formation!** All High School teens are welcome to join us at our weekly gatherings. See the bulletin board or Facebook page (QUEST @St. Christopher). Plan to attend at least 3 gatherings each semester.

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**Due by August 13**

**Sponsor Interview & Saint Report & Three Mass Reflections**

**Sun, Sept 10 @ 9:45-11:15am**

Q & A with Fr. James and Session 4

\*sponsors are invited to this and all remaining sessions

**Sun, Oct 8 @ 9:45-11:15am**

Session Five: The Bible

**Sun. November 5 @ 9:45-11:15am**

Session Six: Relationships

<b>Sun. December 10 @ 9:45-11:15am</b>	Session Seven: The Eucharist
<b>Fri-Sun January 26-28, 2024</b>	<b>Confirmation Retreat @ Subiaco (MARK your calendar)</b>
<b>Sun. Feb. 25 @ 9:45-11:15am</b>	Session Eight: The Holy Spirit
<b>Sun. Mar. 10 @ 9:45-11:15am</b>	Session Nine and Ten
<b>March T.B.D.</b>	<b>Conversation with Teens only</b>
<b>Friday, April 19        7:00pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Rehearsal at St. Christopher</b>
<b>Monday, April 22       6:30pm</b>	<b>Confirmation at St. Christopher</b>

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### **WHAT IF I MISS A SESSION?**

We completely understand how busy our students are which is why we put the schedule out so far in advance. However, sometimes conflicts just can't be avoided. We also know that when something is important to us, we make time for it. Please read the missed session policy below.

First Absence (excused or unexcused) - You will receive a phone call from Suzy or Greg followed by an email with a missed session assignment. The student will watch the videos from home, complete their journal, and answer a few short questions.

Second Absence (excused or unexcused) You will receive a phone call to set-up a meeting with Greg and Suzy to refocus and make a plan to get back on track. The student will watch the videos from home, complete their journal, answer a few questions, and write a one-page report on the missed lesson.

Third Absence (excused or unexcused) You will receive a phone call to set up a meeting with Greg, Suzy, and Fr. James to identify the problem and to determine whether you are able to continue this year or need to resume the preparation the following year.

### **WHAT IF I MISS AN EVENT OR SERVICE PROJECT?**

If you are unable to attend any of the service options we have lined up, you will have to schedule one with your sponsor to be completed by the end of the summer. Service must be pre-approved by Greg or Suzy.

If you miss the retreat, you will be required to attend another within the family of parishes, vicariate, or diocese. We will provide you the contact information and dates for these, but you will need to set it up on your own. If a retreat is not completed prior to Confirmation, Confirmation may be delayed.

*Any Questions - email Greg Crachiolo at 810-364-4100 [gcrachiolo@stchrismi.org](mailto:gcrachiolo@stchrismi.org) or text Suzy DeVeny at 810-434-3454*

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