

Confirmation: The Building Blocks of Faith

1. Why Confirmation?

- a. Middle School is a critical time in a student's physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual development. During these years, students are seeking identity, belonging, and discovering who they are and what they stand for.
- b. These are spiritually formative years in the life of your student. Students during this time are separating from the faith of their parents and beginning to pursue a faith of their own.
- c. These are crucial years for parents in the life of your home. For many parents, Confirmation is a rite of passage. Many parents who are spiritually disengaged are willing to return to church long enough for their child to be confirmed. The Lord wants more for you than simply jumping through a program.

2. What do we teach?

- a. The six chief parts of Martin Luther's Catechism: 10 Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession, Communion.
- b. Understanding the Bible: Who Is Jesus, Old Testament, and New Testament.
- c. Practical life application: Building healthy relationships, becoming more aware of your spiritual gifts, and managing your finances well.

3. When can I begin Confirmation Instruction?

- a. Students can begin their confirmation journey as early as 6th grade, but can start anytime after that.
- b. **Both the student & parent are expected to attend sessions together.**

4. What is expected of me before I am able to Confirm my faith?

- a. The Confirmation Curriculum at St. John's is broken down into 12 Modules. A student is eligible to be confirmed once he/she has successfully completed all 12 Modules. ***The Confirmation Modules can be completed in any order*** (i.e. you don't need to complete Module 1 to take Module 2, etc).
- b. The 12 Modules are:

Module Number	Module Title	Number of Sessions
1	Who Is Jesus?	4
2	Old Testament Overview	4
3	New Testament Overview	4
4	10 Commandments, Part 1	4
5	10 Commandments, Part 2	4
6	Baptism	2
7	Lord's Supper	2
8	Financial Peace	3
9	Apostle's Creed/Trinity	3
10	Prayer and Lord's Prayer	3
11	Dating & Spiritual Gifts	3
12	Worship Reports	21

- c. Successful completion of a Confirmation Module requires attendance at **all sessions** for that Confirmation Module. If you miss a session, you will not receive credit for successfully completing that module. ***Please do not expect your instructor to hold make-up sessions.***
- d. The Confirmation Module Number corresponds with the numbered tab in your Confirmation Binder. You will receive the lessons as you attend the sessions for each module. You should always know how many Modules you have remaining in your Confirmation journey as you accumulate the lessons during each Module.
- e. Each lesson you receive has three components: The *Teaching Time* is a "fill in the blank" style, large group teaching time with an instructor. The *Reflection Time* is a two to three minute reaction time to what the student has just experienced in the instruction. The *Family Time* is a discussion we are equipping your family with to have at home. ***The lessons will not be turned in as "homework." The success of these lessons and discussions in the faith formation of your student is very dependent upon the time the parent chooses to invest with the student.*** There is a "Sample Lesson" included in your Confirmation Binder.

f. Confirmation Modules will be offered throughout the year and you are able to work through them at a pace that is helpful to your family.

g. Worship Reports: Module 12 (Worship Reports) encourages the worship life of your family. A student will successfully complete Module 12 when 21 Worship Reports have been completed, signed off by a parent, and turned in. You can find extra "Confirmation Worship Report Forms" at the Welcome Center or on our Website (www.stjohnsop.com). Worship reports should be turned in to the Student Pastor in his mailbox or via email.

5. Confirmation Interview

a. As soon as a student has successfully completed all 12 Confirmation Modules, the student will schedule a Confirmation Interview with one of the pastors.

b. After the Confirmation Interview, the student is ready to be Confirmed!

6. Upcoming Confirmation Sundays, corresponding Module Completion deadlines, and Confirmation Interview dates

a. There are two Confirmation Sundays scheduled over the next year, with corresponding Module Completion deadlines and Confirmation Interview dates:

<u>Confirmation Sunday</u>	<u>Module Completion Deadline</u>	<u>Interview Dates</u>
Sunday, June 9, 2019	April 30, 2019	May 2019
Sunday, September 8, 2019	July 31, 2019	August 2019

****Reminder: Please do not plan your Confirmation Sunday until your student has successfully completed all 12 Confirmation Modules!***