

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water

Important Notes: Grade 11 Confirmation Information

Here are some important things and initial due dates to review.

Mark your calendars for the **Confirmation Student and Sponsor Retreat on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2025.**

- Attendance:** Candidates of the confirmation program (grades 10-11) have Faith Formation class or activities every Wednesday night. If a candidate cannot be present because of an emergency or illness, the office must be notified prior to 7pm. Make-up lessons or homework will be sent home with the student in case of absences. These are to be either completed and returned by the student the following class time or an email from a parent stating that they reviewed the work with their child is sufficient.
- Experience of Worship:** Weekly Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Mass attendance of both the candidate and his/her family is expected.
- Letter to Request Confirmation:** In order to formally join the Catholic Church, we request candidates to write a letter to the Diocese of New Ulm's Bishop Chad Zielinski. This letter explains why the candidate wishes to become Catholic (of their own free will), provides sponsor's name, includes confirmation saint name and explanation, and identifies the candidate by name and parish. **Deadline is Jan. 6, 2025.**
- Service Hours:** Part of preparation for Confirmation includes participation in community service projects. We, as Catholics, are called to share the Good News with others. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine you did for me." *Matthew 25:45* The online form to submit the **service hour information is due Jan. 15, 2025.** Please contact your catechist or FF Director, Michelle Tortorella, if hours are not completed. We will offer every opportunity to help students complete this requirement. *Additionally, there are service opportunities this year AFTER the last day of class. We want students to understand that helping others is a lifelong ministry we are all called to do.*
- Confirmation Rehearsal:** The rehearsal, at St. Mary's Church in Willmar, will be required for students and sponsors. The **rehearsal is Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025 from 7:00-8:15pm.**
- Confirmation Mass:** **The Mass on Sunday, January 26, 2025, held at the Church of St. Mary in Willmar, will begin at 3:00pm.** Students and sponsors, **please arrive no later than 2:20pm** for line-ups and staging. Pictures with Bishop Zielinski will be available shortly after Mass.

Note: Students need to complete and submit an online form for every requirement listed.

Confirmation link to online forms:

<https://www.ourlivingwater.org/confirmation-grades-10-11.html>