

The Basilica of Saint Mary | 2024-2025 Youth Confirmation

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- 3 Labor Day – No Class**
- 8 Blessing of Catechists and Children at 9:30am Mass; Open House 10:45am - Noon
- 29 Basilica Yes & Youth Confirmation Opening Party and Mass 3:30pm -6:30pm**

MARCH '25						
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- 2 No Confirmation Classes – Sponsor Zoom Call at 7:00pm**
- 5 Ash Wednesday – Mass
- 9 No Confirmation Classes (Rite of Election)**
- 16 Shorten Confirmation Class # 11 and Students Volunteer at Mass**
- 23 Confirmation Class #12**
- 30 No Confirmation Classes Minneapolis Schools Spring**

OCTOBER '24						
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- 6 Blessing of the Animals 2:00pm
- 6 Confirmation Class #1**
- 13 Confirmation Class #2**
- 18 MEA – No Classes**
- 27 Confirmation Class #3**

APRIL '25						
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- 6 Confirmation Student and Sponsors Mini Retreat and Rite of Sending Mass 3:30 - 5:30pm**
- 13 Palm Sunday – No Classes**
- 20 Easter Sunday – No Classes**
- 27 Final Confirmation Rehearsal 11:00 am. Final Mass & Party for Faith Formation (12 – 2pm)**
- * Orange – See General below.**

NOVEMBER '24						
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- 1 All Saints' Day
- 3 Confirmation Class #4**
- 10 Confirmation Class #5**
- 17 Basilica YES Required Event**
- 24 Rite of Welcome Mass 9:30am – Not required, recommended.**
- 28 Thanksgiving Day – No Class**

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- 8 Youth Confirmation Mass 7:00pm. Arrive by 6:00pm.**

DECEMBER '24						
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- 8 Confirmation Class #6 and Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass – 3:30pm-6:30pm**
- 15 Confirmation Class #7**
- 22 Christmas Break – No Classes**
- 25 Christmas
- 29 New Year's Eve – No Classes**

General Information
Sunday Afternoon Classes: 3:30-5:30pm unless otherwise noted.
 * During the Orange Highlighted Days - Each Student is Required to Schedule a 10-minute Zoom Meeting with their Leaders in Preparation for Confirmation

- Red – No Class**
- Green- Confirmation Class**
- Blue – Confirmation Event with Basilica YES Students – Required**
- Yellow – Other**

JANUARY '25						
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- 5 Basilica YES Required Event**
- 12 Confirmation Class #8**
- 19 MLK Day – No Classes**
- 26 Confirmation Class #9**

Staff Resources
Doris Ortiz
 Coordinator of Learning for Children & Youth
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***There is a separate calendar for Youth Ministry/Basilica YES meetings. Please see it for details.**

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FEBRUARY '25						
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- 2 Confirmation Class #10**
- 9 No Class – Superbowl**
- 16 President's Day – No Classes**
- 22 Youth Confirmation Retreat - Location: Mount Olivet Details to come.**

Sacrament Preparation
Katie Wethli
 Coordinator of Sacramental Preparation
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***There are separate calendars for First Reconciliation/First Communion, as well as Confirmation classes. Please see these for details.**

Program Policies

Attendance

For consistency in the classroom, we ask that there be no more than two (2) absences per year. Please let your child(ren)'s catechist or Sacramental Preparation Coordinator know if they will be absent. Catechists plan the lessons and activities based on a progression, so your child(ren)'s attendance is essential.

Drop-Off / Pick-Up of Children

Children will be released only at the classroom door and only to a parent, other authorized adult, or if they are old enough to dry themselves at the end of class. Permission information as specified by parents at the time of registration is on file.

Due to Archdiocesan guidelines and for the protection of children and catechists, there is never a time when a single child and a single adult are alone.

Communication with Families

The Basilica of Saint Mary's staff will communicate regularly with families registered for Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation programs via email. Messages will be sent to the parent's email addresses listed on the registration form or the email address on file in the parish database.

Inclement Weather

Should this be the case, or if classes are canceled due to other circumstances, the Learning team will contact all families via email. The Basilica's website and phone messages will be updated with any relevant cancellation announcements. In any case, we encourage families to use their best judgment when choosing whether or not to travel to classes in inclement weather.

Behavior

If a child demonstrates unacceptable behavior, the parent(s) will be called and asked to pick up the child immediately. Situations considered unacceptable include the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or other illegal substances. The possession of any device that could cause harm to people or property, the demonstration of abusive, violent, interruptive, inappropriate, or disrespectful behavior, or any other behavior deemed unacceptable by program coordinators.

The Basilica of Saint Mary reserves the right to suspend and/or expel any child found to be in violation of this behavior policy.

Children's Personal Safety Lessons

The Archdiocese requires all parishes and Catholic Schools to provide the following:

- Age-appropriate approved Personal Safety Lesson (PSL) instructions annually from K-12
- Make-up lessons for students who miss scheduled class time

Personal Safety Lessons (PSL) teach children and young people about personal safety. These lessons are taught within the framework of healthy relationships, healthy communities, and the Church's belief in the dignity of the human person made in God's own image.

For questions, contact Melissa Streit, The Basilica Safe Environment Coordinator, at mstreit@mary.org or 612.317.3417.

COVID-19 Precautions

We will have hand sanitizers available throughout the classrooms and hallway.

Please keep your child at home if someone in your family is sick or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Notify the Coordinator of Faith Formation if your child has a positive COVID-19 test and has been in class.