

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
2025-2026 Preparation for Confirmation Timeline
Confirmation is Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 5:00pm

September 3, 2025 - 11th grade youth & parent meeting, 7:15-8pm

September 2025 – April 2026 - Faith Formation on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45pm

September – December 2025 - Discernment for Confirmation period for youth and parents.

*Youth let Fr. Nate know during this time, by phone call or email, if they want or don't want to enter formal Confirmation Preparation in January, February & March 2026 (nbrunn@crookston.org/218-847-1393)

December 17, 2025 – Deadline for youth to let Fr. Nate know if they want or don't want to enter formal Confirmation Preparation in January, February, March 2026. If Fr. Nate does not hear from them (via phone call or email), they will not be confirmed on May 9. Youth will have the option to discern again during the fall of their 12th grade year to go through the preparation process in the winter of 2027 and be confirmed the spring of 2027.

January, February, March 2026 - Confirmation Preparation during Wednesday Faith Formation (6:30-7:45pm). 11th graders who have told Fr. Nate they want to enter formal Confirmation preparation will attend Confirmation-specific formation during this time, which will include large-group catechesis taught by a catechist and small group discussion facilitated by their Faith Formation small group leader. The Confirmation classes, topics and speakers are listed below.

- 1/7 – *The Trinity* – Deacon Gary Hager / *What is my role as a confirmand?* – Tess Kalberer
- 1/14 – *The Rite of Confirmation* / *What is the role of my sponsor?* – Fr. Nate Brunn
- 1/21 – *The Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit* / *What is the role of my Confirmation saint?* – Jamie McDougall
- 1/28 – **Mercy Hour for Youth with Bishop Cozzens (6th-12th grade)**
- 2/4 – *The Eucharist* - Msgr. Mike Foltz
- 2/11 – *Charisms* – Bob Noel / *Preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation* – Tess Kalberer
- 2/18 – **Ash Wednesday Mass (all FF families)**
- 2/25 – **EXULT Evening with Reconciliation & Adoration (high school students & parents)**
- 3/4 - *Baptismal Promises* / *What is my role as a confirmed Catholic?* – Kathy Olson
- 3/11 – **NO CLASS**
- 3/18 – *Dear Bishop Cozzens: Preparing to write your letter to the bishop* – Tess Kalberer
- 3/25 – **Church Tour / A Walk Through the Mass (9th, 10th and 11th grade)** – Tess Kalberer & Kathy Olson

April 2026 – 11th grade individual interviews with Fr. Nate or Deacon Gary stating their readiness to receive the sacrament of Confirmation

April 8, 2026 – Letter to Bishop Cozzens is due stating intent and readiness to receive the sacrament of Confirmation

May 9, 2026 – Candidate & Sponsor Retreat and Rehearsal at Holy Rosary

May 9, 2026 – Confirmation Mass at Holy Rosary, 5:00pm

*a light reception will follow Mass in the Parish Living Room and Welcoming Center