



the Church of
St. Gabriel
the Archangel

Confirmation Preparation

“Through the sacrament of confirmation, those who have been born anew in baptism receive the inexpressible Gift, the Holy Spirit himself, by which they are endowed with special strength. Moreover, having received the character of this sacrament, they are bound more intimately to the Church and they are more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith both by word and by deed as true witnesses of Christ.” – *Divinae Consortium Naturae*, St. Pope Paul VI.

St. Gabriel’s youth are generally confirmed in the spring semester of 10th grade. Older youth who have not yet been confirmed are also welcomed to join the program. Candidates must also be enrolled in a Catholic school, or the parish High School Ministry held on Wednesday evenings.

Confirmation preparation will consist of the following elements:

- Student & Parent Meetings (Six Sunday evenings throughout the year) Sponsors are also encouraged to come.
- Completion of five Confirmation Missions (Experiential ways of living out the faith: list will be provided)
- Completion of Saint Project
- Completion of a Candidate-Sponsor Conversation
- Confirmation Retreat
- Attendance at Mass on all Sundays (or vigil Masses) and Holy Days of Obligation
 - Completion of brief Mass journal entry
- Completion of a Pre-Confirmation Interview (with Pastor, Handmaids, or Faith Formation Director)
- Rite of Confirmation