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2024-2025 FIRE CONFIRMATION PREPARATION YEAR 1 ENCOUNTER SCHEDULE

TRADITIONAL CLASS ENCOUNTERS

Sunday 9:00 am to 10:15 am, Tuesday or Wednesday 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm

Students can attend Sunday, Tuesday, or Wednesday as their schedule permits

September 22, 24, or 25

October 20, 22, or 23

November 17, 19, or 20

December 8, 10, or 11

January 26, 28, or 29

February 23, 25, or 26

March 16, 18, or 19

April 27, 29, or 30

SUNDAY EVENING FOCUS ENCOUNTERS

4 pm to 7 pm in the Large Hall

Encounter 1: September 29 or January 12

Encounter 2: October 27 or February 2

Encounter 3: November 24 or March 16

Encounter 4: December 15 or April 6

Students must attend both the traditional class session Encounter each month AND attend one each of the four Sunday evening Encounters over the course of the school year.

Please see the St. Matthias FIRE Year 1 Confirmation Preparation document on the reverse side for additional details and requirements.

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St. Matthias Religious Education

FIRE

Confirmation Preparation **YEAR 1**

The program is open to all students who are registered members of St. Matthias, who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Communion, and have successfully completed Religious Education through 6th grade.

Requirements are to complete experiences in each of four categories Experience requirements are as follows:

Focus Encounters—these are educational group sessions held in-person once per month during normal Religious Education class times, Sunday 9:00 am to 10:15 am, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm and once per month on Sunday from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The theme of the Sunday evening Encounters will repeat, so there will be two opportunities to attend each Encounter during the religious education school year.

Students must attend both the traditional class each month AND one each of the four Sunday evening Encounters over the course of the school year. (see Year 1 FIRE Encounter schedule for specific dates of the Focus Encounters)

Inspire - These are Spiritual experiences within the parish. Students must participate in one total INSPIRE experience over the course of the school year, such as Rosary Group, Adoration, Liturgical Ministry, etc.

Relate - These are Social experiences within the parish such as Trivia Night, “Faith, Family, Fitness”, Parish Picnic, Mardi Gras, attending Youth Night, etc. Students must complete one total RELATE experience over the course of the school year.

Engage -These are service opportunities sponsored by the parish such as Pick 7, Veterans’ Village, Albertine Home Bingo, “Giving with Grace”, GLOW Ministry, Religious Education, etc. Each student must ENGAGE in one session sharing their time and talent in service to others over the course of the school year.

After completing an Inspire, a Relate, or an Engage experience, fill out the FIRE Experience Summary Form by scanning the below QR code to complete the form online. Describe the experience and the impact it had on you. Submit the form within one week of participation to receive credit. We will track your participation and send home quarterly progress reports. Once you’ve completed the Year 1 FIRE experiences, you may be eligible to continue to FIRE Confirmation Preparation Year 2.

ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BY MAY 1, 2025 IN ORDER FOR A STUDENT TO REGISTER FOR FIRE CONFIRMATION PREP YEAR 2

