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# High School

Gr. 9 Altaration & Venture  
Gr. 10 Start Chosen  
Gr. 11 Finish Chosen

SMSA: Gr. 10: Start Decision Point  
Gr. 11: Finish Decision Point

Annually, each grade does sessions of:  
Service, Adoration, &  
Safe Environment Education

# Contact Information & Directions In Case of inclement Weather

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**[www.myreligioused.com](http://www.myreligioused.com)**

SMC parish website: [www.stmatthewofcsport.org](http://www.stmatthewofcsport.org)

SOTH parish website: [www.sothparish.org](http://www.sothparish.org)

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**In person gatherings will be cancelled at least 2 hours in advance.**

**Families will be notified through the OneCall Now Alert system. Event cancellations will always include a text, phone call, and email notification.**

**\*Please be sure all necessary phone numbers are receiving text messages for cancellations; if a caregiver's number needs to be added, please contact Dawn Doll or Anna Kraus.**

**If the Campbellsport School District calls off school or has an early release due to weather there will be no Rel Ed event that evening.**

**Note: There may be events scheduled on nights that Campbellsport has no scheduled classes for the year. Rel Ed events will still be held.**

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# Registration & Fees

Registrations are now online!

Payment for the 2023-24 school year is \$90/child plus sacrament fees. There is a maximum base fee (before sacramental costs) of \$300 per family for members of either parish.

**1 student = \$90**

**2 students = \$180**

**3+ students = \$270**

## **Sacramental Fees**

**2nd grade \$50 Sacrament Fee**

**11 Grade \$120 Sacrament Fee**

**(SMSA only pays Sacrament Fee)**

Non-members have a per child fee of \$120; not to exceed \$360 per family.

We are asking families to commit to helping with our Religious Ed programming and within the Parish in new ways. On the registration, please choose some ways your family can commit to helping:

- Religious Ed Teacher, Aide, Hallway Monitor or Substitute Catechist
- Work in the Coffee Shop at SOTH on Sundays (8-Noon) with your child
- Supervise Night Drop-offs and Pick-ups on Mondays/Wednesdays
- Help with Youth Group Nights
- Sponsor Treats for HS classes (Sun noon-2pm)

\* Each family is asked to participate in at least one fundraiser for SMC/SOTH Religious Ed.

Payments should be made in the form of a check or cash. Checks can be mailed to the parish office marked "attn: Rel ed fees" or sent with the child on the first night of class.

\*Catechists, full time aides and hall monitors get 1 child free (-\$90 from your total)

Payment plans are available. Financial aid is available. No family will be turned away due to inability to pay. Any financial assistance will be kept confidential.

Scrip profits from July 2022- June, 2023 can be applied towards a family's account.

**Class times based on Location**  
**(1st sem. St. Matt/ 2nd Sem. Shepherd)**  
**SMC 9:00AM Mass end lesson at approx. 11:30**  
**SOTH 8:15 Mass end lesson at approx. 10:45AM**

*Gr 9-11*  
*23-24 Calendar*

**AUGUST** \*\*\* **Aug 27: ALL High School Family Back to Religious Ed**  
**27 12pm SOTH Eden \*Gas Card give away if pre-registered online**  
**& in attendance at this meeting!**

**SEP** Sep 3: Off Labor Day Weekend  
**Sep 10: Class at St. Matthew**  
 Sep 17: *REQUESTED SMC Fall Festival Service Hours*  
 Sep 24: off

**OCT** Oct 1: Off  
**Oct 8: Class at SMC**  
 Oct 15: Off  
**Oct 22: Class at SMC**  
 Oct 29: Off

**NOV** **Nov 5: Class at SMC**  
 Nov 12: Off  
**\*Nov 19: Class at SMC**  
 Nov 26: Off **\*11th GRADE PARENT HOMEWORK DUE TO ANNA**

**DEC** **\*Dec 3: REQUIRED BREAKFAST with Santa at St. Matt**  
*(approx 7AM-Noon) setup/takedown.*  
 Dec 10: off ~Faris Popcorn distribution possible today  
**Dec 17: Class at Shepherd of the Hills**  
 Dec 24: off  
 Dec 31: off

**JAN** **\*Jan 7: 11th GRADE ONLY Confirmation RETREAT DAY SOTH**  
**Jan 14: Class at Shepherd of the Hills**  
 Jan 21: Off  
**Jan 28: Class at Shepherd of the Hills: Adoration & Conf.**

**FEB** Feb 4: off  
**\*Feb.10th or 11th REQUIRED Mardi Gras Family Event @ SOTH**  
*(approx 8AM-1 with setup/takedown).*  
 Feb 18: Off  
**\*Feb 25: Class at Shepherd of the Hills**  
 11th grade Pre-Conf Interview done by today

**MAR** Mar 3: OFF  
**Mar 10: Class at Shepherd of the Hills**  
**\*Mar 17: requested SOTH Bunny Brunch \*plan to help**  
**\*March 17: 11th GR. Conf. REHEARSAL w/Sponsors**  
**(3:00pm SOTH church)**  
**\*March 21 Confirmation 7pm at SOTH**  
 March 24:off  
 March 31: off Easter

**APR** **Apr 7: LAST Class at Shepherd of the Hills**  
 (\*\*11th graders Post Conf. Interviews with Anna)  
**\*April 14: \*\*11th Graders finish Post Conf. Interviews**  
**with Anna SOTH Coffee House Sunday Mass times-1pm**  
**options while Anna Covers Coffee House**

**Missed Classes**  
 Require a reflection  
 paper of 200+  
 words on something  
 from our FORMED  
 platform.  
 (filled with great Catholic  
 content).

**Due by the next  
 Sun. of class.**

**Absence**

--text or email Anna  
 Kraus,  
 Youth Minister  
 920-375-1920 or  
 akraus@sothparish.org

**EVEN if working  
 Coffee House  
 only miss 2x**

**Make-Up  
 Assignments can  
 be submitted:  
<https://www.myreligiously.com/make-up-assignments.html>**

**Thursday**  
**March 21st,**  
**2024**  
**\*Arrive 6:30PM**  
**7pm**  
**Confirmation**  
**Mass at SOTH**



**\*Depicts class 11th Grade SMSA students are required to attend**

# Service Requirements

## Service Hours

Shepherd of the Hills and St. Matthew require 30 hours of high school service for Confirmation.

- These hours should be service within the parish and within the community.
- Reach out to your school guidance office for service opportunities in your community
- Watch the parish bulletin for service opportunities within your parish
- Hours are recommended to be spread out throughout Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Year (aprx 10 hours/year)
- We are no longer requiring a signed sheet of paper for service- the Service Hour E-Form on myreligiousused.com is sufficient

## Examples of Service

Helping others comes in many forms. A standard rule of thumb is that service is helping others without compensation (being paid) for an action that you are not otherwise expected to do.

### Common Examples of Service:

- Serving, greeting, or lecturing for Mass
- Helping an elderly neighbor
- Assisting in a parish brunch or dinner
- Serving on a Mission trip (note: only 5 hours per mission trip will count towards Confirmation)
- Yardwork for someone outside your immediate family
- Babysitting for a friend unpaid (not your immediate family)
- Coaching

## Service Reflection Papers

Currently, high school teens are required to do 15 parish & 15 Community services hours by Confirmation (30 total hours over the course of three years). Teens are now also being asked to write a reflection paper each year about their service experiences. Service Reflection papers will be due the last Sunday of December HS Classes.

## GRADE 9 CURRICULUM: Altaration & Venture

### Format

- Meets in-person on two Sundays each month Sep through April
- Classes--- see calendar for locations and dates
- Curriculum follows a textbook and video format
- Curriculum also includes hands-on learning
- Mass Attendance
- WHAT is the Mass & Bible Basics

### Priorities

- Face-to-face conversation where students ask questions to grow in faith
- Attend a Teaching Mass really get to ask WHAT is going on in the MASS?
- Confidence in Bible reading

### Objectives

- Help Teens appreciate the awesome beauty and mystery of the Mass & Reading the Bible
- Also to build positive relationships

### Notes

- SMSA not needed to attend this 9th grade year in order to be confirmed 11th grade year

### Schedule

- **2 Sundays per month, September through April**
- **Allows time for teens to attend Mass on Sunday mornings**

### Activities

- On your own time, send in service hours
- \*30 hours need to be completed before 11th grade Confirmation

# Grade 10 Venture & Chosen Curriculums

Year 1 of 2 year cycle

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Format	Before each Small Group	Small Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meets in person on two Sundays each month Sep through April</li><li>• Time of Classes-see calendar for time locations and dates</li><li>• Curriculum follows a textbook and video format</li><li>• Curriculum also includes hands- on learning</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teens will be expected to have done the weekly challenge &amp; be ready to share about it.</li><li>• <u>ATTEND MASS where class is held (SOTH/ SMC)</u></li><li>• Text /email Anna if not able to attend ; also complete <u>Make-up assignment</u></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community and conversation about materials is important in building faith, knowledge, and a community of faith</li></ul>
During Small Group	Textbook Reading	Parent Expectations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussions lead by small group leader about materials teens have read/watched</li><li>• Active participation is important</li><li>• Have your textbook &amp; Bible with you</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading will be done together mostly in classes</li><li>• We plan to Finish up Scripture Study from 9th grade.</li><li>• Then Begin the <i>Chosen</i> series</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pay attention</li><li>• Encourage participation</li><li>• Ask questions</li><li>• Be a faith model</li><li>• Check in w/ your teen</li><li>• Consider reading your own copy of the textbook before classes</li><li>• Attend Mass weekly with family</li></ul>

# Grade 11 Chosen Curriculum

Year 2 of 2 year cycle

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## Core Format

- Meets in person on two Sundays each month Sep through April
- Classes—see calendar for locations and dates
- Curriculum follows a textbook and video format also includes hands on learning
- ATTEND MASS
- MUST ATTEND Confirmation RETREAT for Confirmation 11th grade year!

## Experiential

- Experiential sessions are hosted through the year
- Confirmandi will be expected to do make-up assignments if unable to attend
- Confirmation retreat required; If not attending ours, most others are overnight retreats

## See previous page for:

- Before each small group
- Small group
- During small group
- Parent expectations

## Textbook reading & Baptismal Records

- We will discuss & finish out the 2nd half of the Chosen book & Dive deeper into Confirmation
- PRIOR to receiving the Sacrament parents contact child's baptismal parish & request a copy of their Baptismal Certificate to be sent to Shepherd of the Hills Religious Ed office. This copy must contain the Parish Seal. If Baptized at St. Matthew or Shepherd then no copy needed

## Additional assignments

- Confirmation form with sponsor info. (due Sep.)
- Interview with sponsor Sheet (due Sep.)
- Service paper (due Dec.)
- Letter/Short Answer Form for the Bishop (due Jan.)
- Pre. Conf interview (due Jan.)

## Things to consider

- Really love this stuff? Think about being a small group leader next year!
- Not ready or don't want to be confirmed? That's ok, we can help with that conversation too.





## Gifts of the Spirit

### *Wisdom*

A true knowledge of how to act and live based upon God's viewpoint. Look for the ability to see things as they truly are in an open-minded manner.

### *Understanding*

A deeper insight into what we believe by faith. The ability to draw out consequences from the significance of events.

### *Right Judgement*

The ability to make good and wise decisions dealing with everyday problems.

### *Courage*

The strength to overcome fear when called to do what you sense is right and to stand up for one's beliefs.

### *Knowledge*

The ability to comprehend the truths of the universe and being aware of that truth in one's life.

### *Reverence*

A deep respect for God and all creation because one recognizes the presence of God in all that is.

### *Wonder and Awe*

The realization that our great and powerful God loves me and is close to me, and so also in all of God's people and all of God's creation.



# Confirmation Handbook (Condensed)

Confirmation is the strengthening and fullness of the Holy Spirit already received in Baptism. Confirmation calls us to a great participation in the mission of Jesus and the Church. Through Confirmation our relationship with God is deepened and we are incorporated more completely into the body of Christ. Confirmation obliges us, as true witnesses of Christ, to spread and defend the faith by word and deed. We say the Sacrament of Confirmation brings the gifts of the Spirit. Actually, the sacrament "confirms" that those gifts have already begun. If you wonder if you should be confirmed, look for those gifts beginning to blossom... Disciples become Apostles

## Requirements

- Must be 16 years of age or older or entering their junior or senior year of high school.
- Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist.
- Regular attendance at Mass.
- Regular attendance and participation in high school faith formation.
- Completion of an interview with one's sponsor
- Completion of pre-conf interview with Youth Minister
- Completion of 30 hours of service - 15 Parish & 15 Community.
- Completion of service reflection paper for junior year.
- Attendance at the required Confirmation preparation sessions, and the Confirmation retreat.
- Selection of a Saint name for Confirmation.
- A letter or short answer form to the Confirming Bishop requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Pre-Conf. Interview

According to the Sacramental Guidelines for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Sponsors must:

1. Be designated by the one who is to be confirmed.
2. Be at least 16 years old.
3. Be a Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.
4. Lead a life in harmony with the Catholic faith and the role that is to be undertaken.
5. Cannot be the father or mother of the one who is to be confirmed.

Who can be a sponsor?



## Choosing a saint name



- Choose the name of a saint who represents a cause you find important.
- Choose the name of someone in the Bible whom you admire.
- Choose the name of someone in your life who has influenced your faith or has been a living witness of the Spirit to you. It should also be a saint's name.
- Affirm the name your parents gave you at Baptism.
- Saint name should be specific (Katherine of Alexandria- not just "Katherine")

## Questionnaire to the Bishop

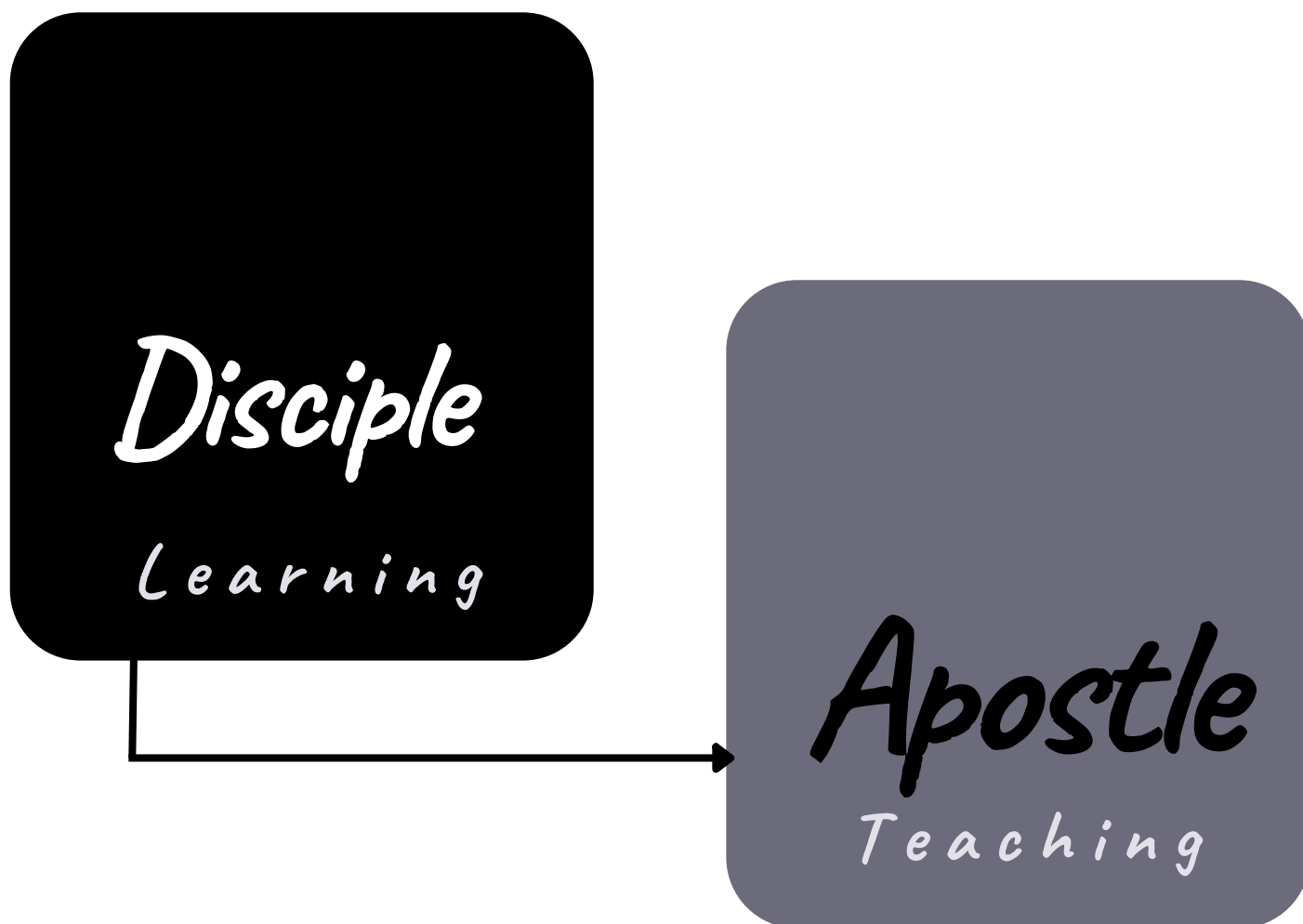


Before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation candidates must write a letter/ fill out a form to the Bishop requesting the Sacrament. This request is an official part of the preparation process and is a formal letter (or short answer form) stating the desire to be confirmed. This letter is to include a brief introduction about the candidate, why one wants to be confirmed, service experience(s), an explanation of the saint name chosen, and an official statement requesting the sacrament of Confirmation.

*Confirmation is...*

*TRANSFORMATION*

*from a Disciple into an Apostle going forth  
sharing, teaching, talking about GOD!*



# SMSA

## Confirmation Formation

St. Matthew & Shepherd of the Hills  
The Confirmation prep  
for SMSA students  
2023-2024

### INDEPENDENTLY STARTS IN 10TH GRADE LIKE GENERAL FORMATION IS A 2 YEAR CYCLE FOR NON SMSA

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#### GET REGISTERED ONLINE FOR RE CLASS

- fees only due for 11th grade conf. year
- registration 9th & 10th helps us keep in contact with you regarding service
- Events are shared via text/email etc/

#### PICK UP YOUR DECISION POINT BOOK

- Last weekend in Aug. is typically Return to RE parent/teen meeting. (Sep. Option @ 1st class too)
- 10th grade year your book is available for pick up at this meeting start your indp. study be sure to fill out the pages with pen be ready to share with Anna

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#### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES YEARLY

- Help serve the Rel. Fundraisers: St. Nick Breakfast 1st Sun. in Dec. & Mardi Gras in Feb./March, Fall Fairs Popcorn sales for SMC & SOTH Coffee House shifts year round
- Help serve at Parish events too SMC Fall Fest/ SOTH Chicken dinners/ Chili cook off in Nov. /Bunny Brunch typically March/ SMC's KC Fish fry bake sale in Lent

#### SET UP A PRE-CONFIRMATION INTERVIEW WITH ANNA IN YOUR 11TH GRADE YEAR

- All 10th/ 11th graders are expected to do this before Conf. occurs (ideally Fall of 11th grade)
- A post interview check in is expected too
- website has topics/ questions up for discussion

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#### SERVICE HOURS (30 TOTAL)

- Record & submit online your (30 hours-15 Parish 15 Community) as they are occurring from 8th-11th grade years via website your
- aim to do 15 Parish and 15 community
- always consider SOTH Coffee House shifts all year
- in December 9th-11th grade a service reflection paper should be submitted. This is one way we hear of yearly service hour progress.

#### ATTEND A CONFIRMATION RETREAT

- Parent assignment top secret due to Anna beginning of 11th grade year Nov DEADLINE
- Retreat typically in the winter at either SMC/SOTH whichever is hosting that year's Confirmation

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#### PAPERWORK NEEDED

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- in Dec. 9th-11th grade a service reflection paper due
- Confirmation info sheet vital Sponsor info/Baptismal Cert with seal stamp hard copy if not our parish
- Confirmation sponsor interview sheet Due by End October
- Pre-conf interview set up (have book filled out with pages done before this is set)
- Letter to Bishop ( Questionnaire to Bishop)

# SMSA

## *Confirmation Formation*

### **SMSA 9th Grade Year**

August-attend parent/teen meeting

Start Tracking Service Hours

Ensure that you're getting email/text from us about upcoming service opportunities/ PARISH EVENTS/Mission Trips!

### **SMSA 10th Grade Year**

**Suggested Timeline go at your own pace 10th grade year. Plan to chat about Sessions 1-8 with Anna in Fall of 11th grade year!**

August-attend parent/teen meeting

Get Decision Point BOOK

Complete Session 1 (p.1-28)

September Session 2 (p.29-55)

October Session 3 (p.56-84)

November Session 4 (p.85-109)

December Session 5 (p.110-139)

January Session 6 (p.140-165)

February Session 7 (p.166-188)

March Session 8 (p.189-213)

April SAINT Study (choose for Conf. name)

May SERVICE TURNED IN/ idea

Confirmation Saint Name emailed to Anna

### **SMSA 11th Grade Year**

August-attend parent/teen meeting

September MEET in-person go over SESSIONs 1-8

Session 9 (p.212-241)

October Session 10 (p.242-268)

November- Session 11 (p.269-295)

December Session 12 (p.296-323)

January - Retreat Day at SOTH in-person Typically includes weekend Mass & Confession - Interviews with Anna

