

Confirmation Class Schedule 2024/25 (7th & 8th Grades) **Year A**

Purpose:

The purpose of this two-year sequence is to prepare our kids for confirmation in the Episcopal Church and help them take ownership of their faith and the vows made for them at their baptism.

Structure:

The class follows a 2-year cycle, with kids learning Holy Scripture (Year A) and the Church's tradition, history, and Christian ethics (Year B). Students may begin with Year A or Year B, depending on when they begin the confirmation process.

Some Essential Questions:

What is Holy Scripture?

What is contained in our Bible?

Why does Holy Scripture matter to my faith?

What does it mean to be a Christian? An Episcopalian?

What is the Church, and what does it mean to me?

How has my faith changed in my life so far; how may it still change?

Who is Jesus to me?

What does it mean to take ownership of my faith?

Logistics:

- Classes will be taught by Mother Storm and Mother Eliza
- No confirmation class on the FIRST Sunday of each month (youth groups instead)
- Classes follow school schedules--i.e. No classes on school holidays
- All classes go from 5:30-6:30 pm. Please be on time. Light snacks are served at class.
- Other requirements, such as worship attendance and participation, will be shared when classes begin.
- Only 8th graders need to have a sponsor. This will be explained when classes begin.

Other obligations

While enrolled in confirmation classes, kids will be expected to participate in church as acolytes and readers, or to help periodically on Sunday mornings with Church School. They'll be given the choice on how to get involved, but involvement in worship is an expected part of their confirmation year.

To buy/bring to class (IMPORTANT!)

Please buy your child a Bible in time for the first class on October 13. I recommend the [New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha](#). They will need to bring this to every class.

To help you remember:

Please enter the dates below in your calendar, or check our church calendar or website for the class schedule. The clergy will send a text message reminder to all parents on Sunday

afternoon before class, so you never forget a day. Attendance at all classes is expected to qualify for confirmation. Make up classes will be arranged with advanced notice, but bear in mind they take time out of the clergys' schedules and should be avoided if possible.

The following are the dates for classes, with youth group nights and holiday weekends indicated below. Please let us know if we've forgotten anything.

October 13

Introduction to the Bible

Mo. Storm

October 20

The Creation Accounts, Genesis 1 & 2

Mo. Storm

October 27

No Class - Halloween Party (Junior Youth Group moved to this week rather than Nov. 3)

November 3

Abraham, Isaac and the Patriarchs, Part 1

Abram leaves Ur, God's promise to Abram, Abram becomes Abraham, the Binding of Isaac

Mo. Eliza

November 10

No Class - Holiday Weekend

November 17

Abraham, Isaac, and the Patriarchs, Part 2

Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel and Leah, Joseph and his twelve brothers, exile to Egypt

Monica

November 24

Moses, Part 1: Moses and the Basket, the Burning Bush and the Divine Name

Donna

December 1

No Class - Holiday Weekend

December 8

Moses, Part 2: the Exodus from Egypt & the Law

John

December 15

King David and the House of David

The slaying of Goliath, David and the Ark, David and Jerusalem
Bill

January 5

No Class

January 12

The Kings and Prophets

King vs. Prophet, What is a prophet? The major and minor prophets

Donna

January 19

No Class - Holiday Weekend

January 26

The Destruction of the First Temple, Exile and Return

And a word on the "Old Testament" from the Jewish perspective

Mo. Storm

February 2

No Class - Youth Groups

February 9

~~The Four Gospels, Part 1~~

Mo. Storm

CANCELLED DUE TO SUPERBOWL

February 16

No Class - Winter Break

February 23 (end of winter break)

The four Gospels, part 1

Donna

March 2

CHANGE:

The Four Gospels, Part 2

Mo. Storm

March 9

The Four Gospels, Part 3

Mo. Eliza

March 16

The Early Church & Book of Acts
John

March 23

The Letters and Travels of Paul
Bill

March 30

The Letters and Travels of Paul
Monica

April 6

No Class - Youth Groups

April 13

No Class - Palm Sunday

April 20

No Class - Easter Day

April 27

Make-up Class/Wrap-up
Mo. Storm & Mo. Eliza