

## **St. Mark's Confirmation Program Goals 2025-2026**

- **Explore Your Faith**
  - *Attend Confirmation Events*
    - Confirmation Commissioning, Sunday, October 26 at 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.
    - Confirmation Retreat, Friday, October 24, 6:00 - 8 p.m.
    - Confirmation Classes, 4 Sundays at 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.
      - October 26, January 11, February 22, March 22
    - Participate in the Agape Feast, April 2 from 6 -8:30 p.m.
    - Attend Youth Nights (see schedule on back)
- **Serve Your Church and the Church Community**
  - *Volunteer as an acolyte, reader, usher, or choir member*
    - Serve 6 - 8 times during the school year
    - Attend one of the trainings for the service you choose
  - *Perform Service Hours* - Participate in 10 hours of service to the church community (Food Bank, unload mums, sell mums, unload pumpkins, sell pumpkins, assist with Sunday School, etc.)
- **Worship with Your Church Community**
  - Make your best effort to regularly attend Sunday morning church services and some of the special services during Advent, Lent, Holy Week and Easter
- **Experience Other Faiths and Other Expressions of Christianity**
  - Join the Confirmation Class when we attend Shabbat Services at Congregation Etz Chaim on a Friday evening (TBD)
  - Attend a religious service at a different church, synagogue, temple, or mosque.
- Additionally, each confirmand is asked to identify a sponsor, mentor, or godparent and meet with them at least twice (guidelines will be distributed). Our preference is that the sponsor be a St. Mark's member. We can help identify a mentor/sponsor.
- Confirmation will take place with the Bishop of Chicago at St. Mark's on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

## **St. Mark's Youth Night Calendar 2025-2026**

**6:30 - 8:00 pm Mahon Hall**

**2 Wednesdays each Month**



St. Mark's youth are a vital part of our St. Mark's community. Youth Nights are times of fun, food, connections and growing in our faith and in community.

- August 27
- September 10
- September 24
- October 8
- October 22
- November 5
- November 19
- December 3
- December 17
- February 25
- March 11
- March 25
- April 8
- April 22
- May 6
- May 20
- January 14
- January 28
- February 11