

SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027 CALENDAR

Confirmation Year 2

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

SEPTEMBER	16*, 23, 30
OCTOBER	7**, 14, 21, 28
NOVEMBER	4, 18**
DECEMBER	2*
JANUARY	13, 20, 27**
FEBRUARY	3*, 10*, 24
MARCH	3*, 10, 17, 24**, 31
APRIL	14**, 21, 28
MAY	5, 12

** = Parent/sponsor formation night. See packet for further information

<u>IMPORTANT DATES:</u> September 16: Parent Info Meeting December 2: Circle of Grace February 3: Sponsor interview and certificates due February 10: Class will attend 7pm Ash Wednesday Mass together - students need to be present by 630pm in Dome to check in (plan for Mass to run until 830pm) February 27 (Saturday): Confirmation retreat at OLMC February 27 (Saturday): Saint presentations due March 6 (Saturday): Fired Up! Conference (St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School, Vallejo, 9a-1p) March 3: Service hours and parent/sponsor formation due TBD: Confirmation Mass at OLMC	There are no classes on the following days: November 11: Veteran's Day November 25: Thanksgiving Break December 9: Christmas Break December 16: Christmas Break December 23: Christmas Break December 30: Christmas Break January 6: Christmas Break February 17: President's Week (FSUSD) April 7: Spring Break (FSUSD) *if a student attends another school district, then they are excused for the day of their Spring Break as well*
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The date of the Confirmation Mass is still unknown - we will receive our date from the Diocese in November. It will be at some point between late March and early June. Classes are required through May 12th, regardless of when the Confirmation Mass falls. The Diocese sometimes needs to schedule the Mass early to fit in all of the parishes.

PREPARATION TRACKER

Confirmation Year 2

Student Name:

	Sunday Mass Participation (due weekly in class)
	Sponsor Interview and certificates due (due Feb 3, 2027)
	Confirmation Retreat at OLMC (Feb 27, 2027 from 12pm to 6pm)
	Saints Presentation (due February 27, 2027)
	Fired Up! Conference (March 6, 2027 - at St. Patrick-St. Vincent, Vallejo, from 9a-1p)
	Individual Service Hours Tracker (due March 3, 2027)
	Family Service Hours Tracker (due March 3, 2027)
	Sponsor Formation (6 required) (due March 3, 2027)
	Parent Formation (4 required) (due March 3, 2027)

Weekly Mass reflection:

Our Liturgy is the source and summit of our faith. Per Canon 1247, the faithful are **obligated** to participate in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. As such, candidates in the preparation process for the sacrament of Confirmation are to attend Mass on a weekly basis, along with any Holy Days of Obligation. Please note that a Sunday Mass is any of the Masses on Sunday OR attendance at the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass.

Holy Days of Obligation for 2026-2027 that occur during the school year and are **not** fulfilled by a Sunday Mass:

Tuesday, December 8, 2026: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 25, 2026: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Friday, January 1, 2027: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

In general, OLMC offers a 9am, 12pm and 7pm Mass on Holy Days (Christmas will vary, but all the Christmas Eve Masses starting at 5pm also fulfill the obligation). Please always check our bulletin for exact times/changes.

Students are required to fill out a weekly Mass reflection. There is a paper option (in folder) and an online Google form option (QR code in folder and will be at the entry table in the Church). These will be checked on a weekly basis. In-person students who opt for the paper option must bring it weekly to class. Home curriculum students opting for the paper option must have it fully filled out to be checked at curriculum drop off dates.

The weekly reflection allows for students to fill it in even if they had to miss Mass due to lack of transportation, issues within the family, work, etc. Thus, students are expected to have it filled out every week. Students can look up one of OLMC's live-stream Masses from the weekend when they miss it in-person. The goal for all families should be to attend in-person to fulfill the Sunday Obligation. Students who are missing multiple Mass reflections will require a meeting between Shelley, the student, and a parent to determine if the student is ready for the Sacrament.

Service Hours:

The Diocese of Sacramento requires Confirmation students, and their families, to participate in service projects. This consists of 12 hours of individual service, along with 12 hours of family service. Students may do a full-day project, or split it over the course of the year.

The family service project is flexible and can be slightly less than 12 hours. The goal is to show that the family (which can be parents, siblings, extended family, or even friends) took the time to work with the student to provide some type of service to the community.

Ideas for service (both individual and family): volunteer at the local food bank, take food or groceries to those who are homebound, babysit for free, provide free tutoring, etc. If you are unsure if your idea will work, then just ask! OLMC tries to provide enough opportunities for both students and their families to complete all hours at the parish. Be sure to check your emails often from Shelley.

****All Confirmation students are welcome to usher at the 6pm Sunday Mass at OLMC. This is the “youth” Mass. This counts as 1.5 service hours as they are expected to be present by 5:40pm to check in with Carmelo and go through a quick training. Students can also do this weekly to fulfill their entire service obligation. Proper attire is required (no hoodies/jackets, no bare midriffs/shoulders/back, no ripped clothing, no jeans). Students do NOT need to register in advance; however, if they arrive later than 5:40pm, then they may not be utilized for that Mass. They should always check in at the front table in the Narthex.**

Students are responsible for having their service hour trackers properly filled out. They do not need to get signatures from coordinators of events, they just need to put the name of the person in charge and their contact information.

Youth Ministry:

Students must participate in **four** youth ministry events per year. Our current youth ministry is run by Rose Fabillar, our Youth Ministry Coordinator. Events typically occur on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, but are subject to change. These are always publicized in Shelley's weekly Confirmation email, the bulletin, and on Instagram (olmc.youth.ministry_). Students are encouraged to come to as many events as possible, and to continue taking part in youth ministry after Confirmation. Youth ministry is open for any youth in grades 7th-12th.

Parent Formation:

Parents are required to attend formation activities throughout the year. The dates for these formations are October 17, November 18, January 27, March 24, and April 14 from 630-730pm. These will occur during regular class time, and students are to attend with at least one parent. Casey and Beth Collins will be leading the first 4 formations, with Fr. Daniel doing the 5th formation on prayer. Only **FOUR** are required. You must RSVP at least one week prior to each formation.

Sponsor Formation:

Sponsors are required to attend **6** formation activities throughout the year. Sponsors are welcome to attend any of the in-person formation activities (5) listed under Parent Formation. As many sponsors do not live locally, we are continuing to provide formation activities online as well. Each activity will consist of viewing formation videos, writing responses, and submitting it to Shelley via Google form. The online formation for sponsors will be emailed out in the weekly newsletters, as well as being posted online at our website (<https://www.olmcfairfield.org/youth-formation/191-religious-education-sacramental-preparation>).

Sponsor Interviews and Forms:

Each student must interview his/her sponsor and submit a written response to Shelley by February 3, 2027. Information about this interview will be emailed in October.

Additionally, the sponsor **must** turn in a copy of his/her Confirmation certificate with the parish seal visible and a copy of his/her Church marriage certificate, if he/she is married. As a reminder, those who are not married in the Church are not allowed by Canon law to be sponsors. If the sponsor was Confirmed or married at OLMC, then please let Shelley know and she can find the information without needing a certificate.

Student Interviews:

All students will be interviewed for readiness in the first month of classes. Additionally, each student will be interviewed in the weeks prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation to ensure they are fully prepared. Please make sure that students **want** to be Confirmed. If a student is extremely resistant to Confirmation, then that is a reason to not confer the Sacrament.

Saints Project:

Students must create a report or presentation on the saint they choose for Confirmation. Information about the presentation is included in the student's folders. Reports are due by February 27, 2027. Students will be required to present their reports - in person will present to other Year 2 students, while home curriculum can opt to come in for an in person class or film themselves presenting and email it to Shelley. The date for presentations will be dependent on when the Confirmation Mass is scheduled by the Diocese. If it is early, then the presentations will occur in the weeks following the Mass. If it is later, then the presentations will occur in the weeks leading up to the Mass.

Fired Up! Conference:

The Diocese of Sacramento requires all Confirmation students to attend the Fired Up! Conference. It will be Saturday, March 6, 2027 in Vallejo at St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School and runs from 9a-1p (drop off will be 8:30am). **Please note that this is a mandatory event and students must find their own transportation to and from Vallejo.**

Confirmation Retreat:

The Diocese of Sacramento requires all Confirmation students to attend a Confirmation retreat prior to receiving the sacrament. This retreat will be held at OLMC on Saturday, February 27, 2027. It will run from 12pm to 6pm. Lunch will be served at 1pm. It is a mandatory event for all Year 2 students and will conclude with a blessing at the 5pm Mass that evening. Parents may pick up from the Church after Mass.

Confirmation Mass:

Year 2 of Confirmation culminates with the Mass that bestows the Sacrament of Confirmation to our students. The Diocese of Sacramento sets the date for Confirmation and will let our parish know in November. Typically, it is held anytime between late March thru early June on a weeknight or on a Saturday. We have **zero** control in the scheduling besides letting them know when our main school district (FSUSD) has spring break, etc. Only the Bishop can bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation, thus the student must be able to make the Mass to receive the Sacrament. Shelley will email as soon as we have the date.

****Please note that classes go up to May 12, 2027, even if the Mass is before that date. This is to ensure we cover the entire required curriculum. The Diocese has to schedule Confirmation earlier in some instances due to the sheer volume of Confirmations that must be done.****

SPONSOR GUIDE

Confirmation Year 2

Recognizing this important role, the Church requires that a sponsor be at least sixteen years of age, be fully initiated in the Church (has received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist), and be a practicing member of the Church (should be attending Mass weekly and be a registered parishioner at a parish).

If married, the sponsor's marriage must have occurred in the Catholic Church (this includes Convalidation).

Sponsors must not be the father, mother, or step-parent of the candidate.

These requirements (Canon 874) are aimed at making sure that a sponsor is more mature, informed, and experienced in the ways of our faith and culture than the candidate.

The ideal sponsor:

- already has a relationship of trust with the candidate
- is willing to meet regularly with the candidate as he or she prepares to celebrate Confirmation
- is prepared to accompany the candidate on his or her faith journey after Confirmation
- is willing to share his or her faith with the candidate
- is an older friend or relative in whom the candidate can confide
- is an open, honest, caring, committed, and encouraging person who will help the candidate grow in his or her understanding of the faith

In addition to a sponsor interview write-up by the candidate in Year 2, the sponsor must submit a copy of his/her Confirmation certificate, and if he/she is married, then a copy of his/her marriage license/certificate showing he/she was married in the Catholic Church.

SPONSOR INFORMATION CHECKLIST

Confirmation Year 2

☐	Sponsor interview (due Feb 3, 2027)
☐	Sponsor Confirmation certificate copy (due Feb 3, 2027)
☐	Sponsor Marriage certificate copy (only applicable if married) (due Feb 3, 2027)

SERVICE HOURS TRACKER

Confirmation Year 2

Name: _____

Student must complete 12 hours by March 3, 2027

Date	Service	Time Spent (hours)	Coordinator Name and Phone Number

SERVICE HOURS TRACKER - FAMILY SERVICE

Confirmation Year 2

Name: _____

Family must complete 12 hours by March 3, 2027

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