

# Confirmation Program

## Grades 9 & 10

### Learning Expectations

All Grade 9 & 10 Confirmation students are expected to complete their online assignments weekly, completing each week's online *Chosen* lesson (via their Ascension Press account) and submitting *Google Classroom* work in a timely manner according to the schedule provided for each grade level. [See *Calendar* for "Due Dates".]

Parents are encouraged to oversee their child's learning efforts and engage them in conversations about what they are learning each week.

Student work will be checked weekly by the catechists and Confirmation Coordinator. Parents will be contacted if your child has not completed assignments. If a student misses 2 or more assignments, the parent will be contacted by the Confirmation Coordinator who will determine if a follow-up meeting is necessary.

Please contact Caitlin Mack and Fr. Giombetti if your child has learning difficulties or special needs that might affect their learning abilities. We are happy to work with you to create a learning plan suitable for your child.

(Grade 9 Catholic School students see additional information.)

### Online Learning Accounts

"Chosen" lessons (videos & reading material) are to be accessed via the Ascension Press account you will be given access to following registration.

Weekly assignments are submitted via "Google Classrooms" which you will be placed in during the registration process and given access to.

Please check your e-mails after registration for instructions and further information.

E-Mail [faithformation@sta-parish.org](mailto:faithformation@sta-parish.org) if you have questions or concerns.

### Event Attendance

All students are expected to attend the few in-person events that have been organized for your grade each month. This includes Catholic School students. [See *Calendar*.]

Events will adhere to social distancing guidelines. Students & volunteers will be wearing masks at all in-person events. Updates will be sent out via e-mail and Facebook if there are any event changes.

## **Mass Attendance**

All students are required to attend weekly Mass. Due to the pandemic, if you are not able for health reasons to attend Mass in-person, you can attend Mass virtually.

Both 9th & 10th grade students will complete a weekly “*Mass Reflection*” (via their Google Classroom) in order to dive deeper into how God is encountering them through the readings and the gift of the Eucharist.

With the current pandemic, we will not be doing the “*Journey to Jesus*” Mass Attendance Stamp cards for Grade 10.

## **Service Requirement**

Due to limitations caused by the pandemic, there will not be a Service Hours Requirement this year. Optional Volunteer Opportunities will be announced to the students throughout the year.

## **Retreats & Optional Small Group Meetings**

This year there will be no retreats scheduled due to the unpredictable changes with the pandemic.

However, we will be offering optional in-person small group meet-ups. This will be a fantastic opportunity to check-in and see how the students are doing, what they are learning, and how they are connecting what they have learned to their lives. It will be an opportunity for the teens to bond and share where they are at in their faith journey. This will begin in December/January when Mrs. Mack returns from maternity leave.

## **Grade 9 Catholic School Students**

Grade 9 Catholic school students are not required to complete “Chosen” lessons during their first year in our Confirmation Program. Your Catholic school religion classes fulfill your learning requirement for this year.

However, they are required to complete a weekly “Mass Reflection” and attend all in-person special events.

Grade 9 Catholic school students will be assigned to a special *Google Classroom* group where they will submit their weekly “Mass Reflection”.

Please contact Mrs. Mack or Fr. Giombetti if you have any other questions or concerns.

## **Contact Information**

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# 2020-2021 Confirmation Program Calendar

## September

DATE	Assignments & Events
TBD	Registration begins.

## October

DATE	Assignments & Events
Oct. 11th	<p>Registration should be complete.</p> <p>Students will be given access to their <i>Chosen</i> (Ascension Press) account and their assigned <i>Google Classroom</i>. They can view their first <i>Chosen</i> lesson (on the Ascension Press platform) as soon as they get access. Their first "Lesson Review" &amp; "Mass Reflection" (via <i>Google Classroom</i>) is <u>due Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup></u>!</p>
18 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Grade 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lesson 1: Why am I here? (An Introduction to Chosen)</li> <li>Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>Lesson 1 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lesson 14: Why have I been Chosen? (Sealed &amp; Sent in Confirmation)</li> <li>Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>Lesson 14 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
25 <sup>th</sup>  6pm- 7:30pm	<p><b>*SPECIAL EVENT* (Grade 9 only)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guest Speaker: Fr. Shawn Carey</li> <li>Fr. Shawn will share about his experience as a deaf priest and what his faith formation experience was like growing up.</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 9 &amp; 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>

## November

DATE	Assignments & Events
1 <sup>st</sup>	<p><b>Grade 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lesson 2: What makes me happy? (Discovering God as the Source)</li> <li>Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>Lesson 2 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lesson 15: Why do I have to go to Mass? (Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist)</li> <li>Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>Lesson 15 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>

8 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Grade 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 3: What’s your story, God? (A Look at Salvation History)</li> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>• Lesson 3 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 16: What does it mean to say ‘I do’? (Marriage, a Sign of God’s Love)</li> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>• Lesson 16 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
15 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Grade 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 4: How do I know God is real? (Understanding Divine Revelation)</li> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>• Lesson 4 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 17: Who’s calling? (Holy Orders &amp; Vocational Discernment)</li> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>• Lesson 17 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
22 <sup>nd</sup>  <b>6pm-7:30pm</b>	<p><b>*SPECIAL EVENT* (Grade 9 &amp; 10)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Faith Through Different Stages of Life” -Witness Talks by Kyle Nunes &amp; Mrs. Mack</li> <li>• This event will give students an opportunity to hear two different faith journey stories that reflect on the joys and struggles of being Catholic at different stages of life.</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 9 &amp; 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
26 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b><i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i></b></p>
29 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Grade 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 5: Who is Jesus? (The Person and Mission of Christ)</li> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>• Lesson 5 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 18: Are you talking to me? (Getting to Know God through Prayer)</li> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>• Lesson 18 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>

<b>December</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Assignments &amp; Events</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Grade 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 6: Why be Catholic? (Discovering the Church Jesus Founded)</li> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>• Lesson 6 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 19: Who is Mary? (Meeting the Mother of God- and Your Heavenly Family)</li> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>• Lesson 19 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
13 <sup>th</sup>  6pm-8pm	<p><b>*SPECIAL EVENT* (Grade 9 &amp; 10)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advent Adoration &amp; Confession Night led by Deacon Kelley McCormick</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 9 &amp; 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
20 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Grade 9 &amp; 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Have a blessed Christmas!</i>
27 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Grade 9 &amp; 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
<b>January</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Assignments &amp; Events</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<p><b>Grade 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 7: Where am I going? (A Look at the Four Last Things)</li> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>• Lesson 7 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 20: What would Jesus do? (The Beatitudes as a True Path to Happiness)</li> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>• Lesson 20 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
10 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Grade 9 &amp; 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
17 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Grade 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 8: How do I get there? (The Power &amp; Purpose of the Sacraments)</li> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>• Lesson 8 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Grade 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 21: Do I have what it takes? (Building Virtue- Your Spiritual Workout)</li> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>• Lesson 21 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
<p><b>24<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>6pm-7:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>*SPECIAL EVENT* (Grades 9 &amp; 10)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Guest Speaker: Linda Thayer</b></li> <li>• Ms. Thayer’s talk focuses on the dignity of human life and will occur the week of the annual “March for Life” (1/29/2020).</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 9 &amp; 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
31 <sup>st</sup>	<p><b>Grade 9 &amp; 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
<b>February</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Assignments &amp; Events</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Grade 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 9: When did my journey begin? (Baptism, Your Initiation into God’s Family)</li> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>• Lesson 9 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 22: Why wait? (God’s Plan for Love and Sex)</li> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>• Lesson 22 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
14 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Grade 9 &amp; 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
***	<i>February Vacation</i>
21 <sup>st</sup>	<p><b>Grade 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 10: Why tell my sins to a priest? (The Healing Power of Confession)</li> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>• Lesson 10 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson 23: How do I build the kingdom? (Saying “Yes” to the Mission of Christ and the Church)</li> <li>• Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>• Lesson 23 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>

28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Grade 9 &amp; 10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Assignments &amp; Events</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Grade 9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lesson 11: How does God help when it hurts? (Anointing of the Sick &amp; Redemptive Suffering)</li> <li>Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>Lesson 11 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul> <b>Grade 10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lesson 24: Where do I go from here? (The Journey Continues)</li> <li>Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>Lesson 24 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
14 <sup>th</sup>  6pm- 8pm	<b>*SPECIAL EVENT* (Grade 9 &amp; 10)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lent Adoration &amp; Confession Night</li> </ul> <b>Grade 9 &amp; 10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Grade 9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lesson 12: Who is the Holy Spirit? (Meeting the Third Person of the Trinity)</li> <li>Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>Lesson 12 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul> <b>Grade 10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Grade 9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lesson 13: What does the Holy Spirit do for me? (Gifts for the Journey)</li> <li>Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> <li>Lesson 13 Review (Google Classroom)</li> </ul> <b>Grade 10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>

<b>April</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Assignments &amp; Events</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Happy Easter!</i>
11 <sup>th</sup>  6pm-8pm	<p><b>*SPECIAL EVENT*</b> (Grades 9 &amp; 10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vocations Night (Holy Orders, Religious Life, &amp; Marriage)</li> <li>This event will give students an opportunity to hear what it is like to discern and follow God's call to either religious life or marriage.</li> </ul> <p>Grade 9 &amp; 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly Mass Reflection (Google Classroom)</li> </ul>
18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>April Vacation</i>
25 <sup>th</sup>	x
<b>May</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Assignments &amp; Events</b>
***	<i>Confirmation Dates [TBD]</i>