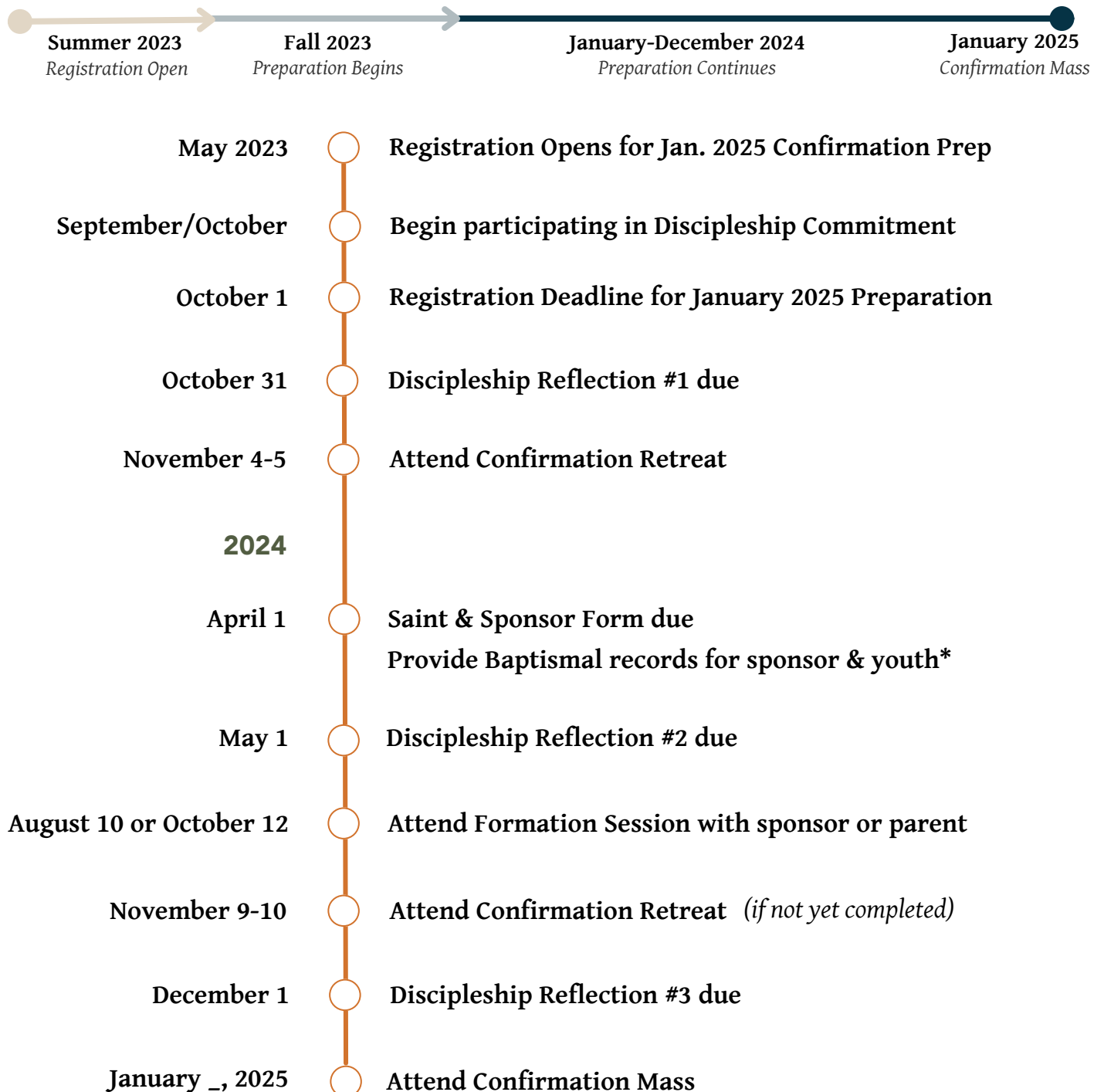


# Confirmation **TIMELINE**

January 2025 Confirmation

Individuals may begin preparation for Confirmation starting as early as 7th grade. Preparation will be completed over the course of 12-18 months. The timeline below reflects a preparation journey for someone who registers and begins preparation in Fall 2023 and is on track for Confirmation in January 2025.



\*If the confirmandi was baptized or received First Communion at St. Patrick, you do not need to submit their baptismal record

# The **PROCESS**

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Our new Confirmation process was crafted to more effectively help teens know who Jesus is, what he's done for them, and how they are called to respond. This is done in an atmosphere of belonging and discovery that enables kids to explore God's revelation to us in Jesus and see how he is a solution to the problems they face in life. The resultant growth in discipleship enables teens to make their parents' faith their own precisely so they are ready and even want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, which is the grace of Pentecost in their own lives. Each Candidate will be asked to do the following:

## **Participate in Sacramental Life**

There is no substitute for the transforming power of sacramental grace that we receive in the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Therefore, Sunday Mass attendance and regular Confession (we recommend every 1-2 months) are fundamental expectations of the preparation process.

## **Discipleship Commitment**

All Candidates are asked to choose one of following options:

- Regularly attend weekly youth ministry nights (Sundays 6-8 pm) for one year
- Join a Discipleship Small Group for one school year
- Do a Discipleship Study with your sponsor for one year
- A combination of the above options or other activities (arranged with Marissa)

## **Confirmation Retreat**

All candidates are expected to attend a Confirmation Retreat. We will offer Confirmation Retreat each Fall for youth to attend at the beginning of the process. This serves to awaken the faith of the candidates and acts as a launchpad for their remaining preparation. Confirmation Retreat will take place over two days. The retreat will be at Our Lady of the Fields in Brighton; staying overnight is encouraged, but not required.

## **Formation Session**

Each candidate and their sponsor (or a parent) are asked to attend a one-day Formation Session together. Formation Sessions will be offered in August and October on a Saturday from 9:30am-2:00 pm. The purpose of the session is to help youth grow in their understanding of Confirmation and think critically about the faith while fostering deep conversations between sponsor and candidate.

*In addition to these requirements, students will be asked to choose a sponsor, choose a Saint, submit sacramental records, and complete three reflections about their faith. More info about each of these things will come once you begin the process. Registration may be completed online at: [stpatrickcatholicparish.org/confirmation](http://stpatrickcatholicparish.org/confirmation). If you have questions, please contact Marissa Dawson at [mdawson@stpchurch.org](mailto:mdawson@stpchurch.org) or use the "Schedule a Phone Call or Meeting" link on the above web address to arrange a time to talk.*