

April Confirmation Update

The following pages are written to give you an overview of the next few weeks as well as provide detail regarding a few specific events/process leading up to and including Confirmation Weekend. Do not hesitate to ask questions if something is unclear. Any changes to the following will be communicated with the class in person and via email

Confirmation Retreat is this weekend!

Please note: We meet at Camp Lone Star Pines, 22610 Tuwa Rd, Tomball, TX 77375 between 5 and 6 on Friday, April 5, 2024. Please get your own ride. Please EAT DINNER before you come. Pick up is between 2 and 2:30 on Saturday, April 6

If you have any food allergies or medication/health needs, please let the church office know right away: TrueRiches@stjohn.tv

WHAT TO BRING ON THE RETREAT!

No electronic devices allowed, except for your cell phone. This weekend is a spiritual retreat – the idea is to get in touch with God. Come because that is what you want to do.

1. Sleeping bag or sheets/blanket & Pillow
2. A clean shirt and pants
3. Daily supply of underwear and socks
4. Towel & Toiletries (soap, toothbrush/paste, comb, etc)
5. Your favorite Bible
6. Cards, your favorite board game etc.
7. Flashlight
8. **Your Faith Statement** - If you come to the retreat without your faith statement, we'll ask you to go home, get it, and come right back.

Important Dates

- There are no more 8th grade classes on Wednesday nights. However, Confirmation students are encouraged to come to Wednesday Night Live and hang out with the High School Students during breakout time.
- There are no more classes on Sunday mornings. However, Confirmation students are encouraged to come hang out with the High School Students during class time.

April 7: **No later than April 7**

Please send a photo of your Confirmation Student to LSullivan@stjohn.tv

Must be a jpeg

Can be a school photo.

Can be with or without Confirmation Robe

April 17: **No later than April 17**

Please email your final Faith Statement to TrueRiches@StJohn.tv

You can always do it sooner.

May 1 **Please let us know**

Which service your family will attend on Sunday, May 5: 8:15 or 11:00 am in addition to the 9:30 Confirmation Service.

Please just send a simple email to LSullivan@StJohn.tv

If we do not know which service you will attend, we cannot include you in the service.

May 4: Confirmation Saturday 8:30 am to 11am

Students will read their Faith Statements to their peers and families
We will take a group photo and enjoy a brunch prepared by our Sisters in Service ladies.
Wear your robe!!!

Here's the schedule:

8:30 a.m. - Group 1 Brunch in Gym, Group 2 giving Faith Statements in Worship Center
9:30 a.m. - Class Photo in Worship Center
10:00 a.m. - Group 2 Brunch in Gym, Group 1 giving Faith Statements.in Worship Center
11:00 a.m. - Done.

Group One: (Go to gym at 8:30am)

William Allison
Payton Clark
Addison Cousins
John Garodnick
Isabelle Hallum
Noah Herrera
Kayden Hosein
Zak Hosein
Haylyn Lieder
Kloey Lieder
Connor Martin
Mac Mellor
Jordan Mullens

Group Two: (Go to Worship Center at 8:30am)

Paul Murphey
Ellie Priesmeyer
Lydia Pulley
Miles Saathoff
Aidan Sonia
Ryan Summers
Kirby Tullos
Ryan VanHoose
Ethan Wallace
Jeremy Warhol
Chase Whitson
Emeri Whitson

May 5 Confirmation Sunday

9:45 am Rite of Confirmation service for all Confirmation Students

Confirmation Students ALSO come to EITHER the 8:15 service OR 11am service

Either way, please come to the Chapel at 9:15 a.m.

Wear your robe to both services.

At the 8:15 or 11:00 am service:

- Confirmation Students will sit with their family, and have Holy Communion with their family.
- At the appropriate time, Confirmation Students will be called up to the front, form a line, and each student will in turn speak from the podium, giving their name and reading their Confirmation Bible Verse.
- If you have your verse memorized, that's fine. If not, that's fine too. Please bring it with you printed out or bookmarked in a Bible. We will NOT have it for you.
- Students must choose to either go to the 8:15 or 11:00 am service in addition to the 9:30 service and let us know please by May 1.

At the 9:30 am service:

- This is the actual Rite of Confirmation, all students must attend.
- Students please gather no later than 9:15 in the chapel.
- Students will process together into the worship center at the beginning of the service.
- Students will all sit together as a class.
- Students will participate as a group confessing their faith in responsive question and answer type readings.
- Students will kneel at the rail and receive a blessing and certificate of Confirmation from the Pastor or Elder.
- Students will receive Holy Communion.

FAQs

Will Confirmation Students have Holy Communion twice on Sunday, May 5?

Yes. Students will receive Holy Communion with their family at either the 8:15 service or the 11:00 am service, and then as a Confirmation Class without family at the 9:30 service.

What time do I have to be there on Sunday, May 5?

If you are coming to the 8:15 am service, please arrive by 8:00 am and sit in the Worship Center with your family. After the service, please gather in the Chapel by 9:15. If you are coming to the 11am service, please arrive in the Chapel by 9:15. Then, sit with your family in the pews for the 11:00 service.

When should I wear my robe?

For all services and events Saturday, May 4 and Sunday May 5.

I don't have a robe yet, what do I do?

We know that there has been an issue with the company that has always provided our robes having supply issues. Go to StJohn.tv/Confirmation. Click on Order Robe Here. This is a new supplier, and it has been working for everyone so far. Please order a fully WHITE robe. If you have any issues, please call the church office.

Do Students have to come to all three services?

No. Choose any two, as long as one of them is the 9:30 service. You do have to come to two, and one of them must be the 9:30 service. You may come to all three if you like, just let us know! LSullivan@StJohn.tv