

# 2023-2024

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION YEAR 2 ENCOUNTER SCHEDULE

*Sundays, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
in the Large Hall*

**September 17**  
**January 21**  
**May 19**

**Encounter 1**  
**Prayer/Jesus/Relationships**

**October 22**  
**February 25**  
**June 23**

**Encounter 2**  
**Holy Spirit/Decision Making**

**November 12**  
**March 10**  
**July 14**

**Encounter 3**  
**Gifts & Fruits**

**December 10**  
**April 14**  
**August 18**

**Encounter 4**  
**Confirmation/Mission & Purpose**

*Students must attend each Encounter once as well as complete all other Confirmation Prep requirements to be eligible for Confirmation.  
See the St. Matthias FIRE Confirmation Preparation document for more details.*

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## St. Matthias Religious Education **FIRE**

### Confirmation Preparation YEAR 2

The program is open to all students who are registered members of St. Matthias, who have successfully completed Confirmation Preparation Year 1 and have received approval from the Director of Religious Education to continue with their Confirmation Preparation.

Requirements are to complete experiences in each of the four categories and submit a written summary of each experience within one week of participation (scan QR code below to access form). Experience requirements are as follows:

**Focus Encounters**—these are educational group sessions held once per month on Sunday evenings for 3 hours. The theme of the Encounters will repeat quarterly. Students must attend each Encounter once for a total of four. This can be accomplished during Fall, Spring, or Summer. See the schedule on the reverse side of this document.

**Inspire** - These are Spiritual experiences within the parish. Students must participate in two total over the course of the year. Choose from Rosary Group, Adoration, Liturgical Ministry, etc. A detailed list of options is available upon request.

**Relate** - These are Social experiences within the parish such as Trivia Night, “Faith, Family, Fitness”, Parish Picnic, Mardi Gras, attending Youth Night, etc. Students must complete two total “relate” experiences over the course of the year. A detailed list of options is available upon request.

**Engage** -These are service opportunities sponsored by the parish such as Pick 7, Veterans’ Village, Albertine Home, “Giving with Grace”, GLOW Ministry, Religious Education, etc. Each student must engage in two sessions over the course of the year sharing their time and talent in service to others. A detailed list of options is available upon request. If you find a service opportunity other than those listed, please contact the Religious Education Office for approval.

After completing an experience, fill out the FIRE Experience Summary Form by scanning the below QR code to complete the form online. Describe the experience and the impact it had on you. Submit the form within one week of participation to receive credit. We will track your participation and send home quarterly progress reports. Once you complete the FIRE experiences, as well as all other required paperwork, complete a confirmation interview, and attend a Confirmation Retreat, you are eligible to be confirmed. All candidates preparing for Confirmation in parishes in the Diocese of Gary are required to attend a Confirmation Retreat. An opportunity for reconciliation will be provided prior to Confirmation. You can attend our retreat or any retreat within the Diocese of Gary. Our retreat date is To Be Determined. We will communicate the date as soon as it’s scheduled.

