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2023-2024 FIRE CONFIRMATION PREPARATION YEAR 1 ENCOUNTER SCHEDULE

Encounter 1: In-person	September 10, 12, 13
Virtual Class:	Complete by September 30
Encounter 2: In-person	October 1, 3, 4
Virtual Class:	Complete by October 31
Encounter 3: In-person	November 5, 7, 8
Virtual Class:	Complete by November 30
Encounter 4: In-Person	December 3, 5, 6
Virtual Class:	Complete by December 31
Encounter 5: In-Person	January 7, 9, 10
Virtual Class:	Complete by January 31
Encounter 6: In-Person	February 25, 27, 28
Virtual Class:	Complete by March 9
Encounter 7: In-Person	March 10, 12, 13
Virtual Class:	Complete by March 31
Encounter 8: In-Person	April 7, 9, 10
Virtual Class:	Complete by April 30

Encounter Days/Times are Sundays, 9 am - 10:15 am; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

Students must attend one “in-person” Encounter (class) per month and one “virtual” class per month. Please see the St. Matthias FIRE Confirmation Preparation document for additional details and requirements.

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St. Matthias Religious Education

FIRE

Confirmation Preparation **YEAR 1**

The program is open to all students who are registered members of St. Matthias, who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Communion, and have successfully Religious Education through 6th grade.

Requirements are to complete experiences in each of four categories Experience requirements are as follows:

Focus Encounters—these are educational group sessions held in-person once per month during normal Religious Education class times, Sunday 9 am to 10:15 am, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. Students must attend one in-person encounter per month. Students must also complete one Virtual Encounter per month. Virtual Encounters will be emailed and must be completed by the end of each month or by the due date specified in the lesson. (see Year 1 FIRE Encounter schedule for specific dates of in-person and virtual encounters)

Inspire - These are Spiritual experiences within the parish. Students must participate in one total experience 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. A detailed list of options is available upon request. Students must complete one total “relate” experience over the course of the year.

Engage -These are service opportunities sponsored by the parish such as Pick 7, Veterans’ Village, Albertine Home Bingo, “Giving with Grace”, GLOW Ministry, Religious Education, etc. A detailed list of options is available upon request. Each student must engage in one session sharing their time and talent in service to others over the course of the year.

After completing an Inspire, a Relate, or an Engage 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’ve completed the Year 1 FIRE experiences, you may be eligible to continue to FIRE Confirmation Preparation –Year 2.

FIRE Experience Summary Form -
Year 1

