



15 December 2025

We are all meant to be mothers of God.  
What good is it to me if this eternal birth of the divine Son takes place unceasingly,  
but does not take place within myself?  
– Meister Eckhart  
(13th-14th century Dominican theologian and mystic)

Dear FIRE 2 Confirmation Family:

As we enter this third week in Advent, I share the quote above for your reflection. Meister Eckhart's words remind us of our call to **make Jesus known** in our daily lives. Whether it is in our homes, our neighborhoods, our workplaces, with our friends and family, on the field, in the checkout line, or even—and perhaps most challenging—while navigating traffic on Old Country Road, let's step up to the invitation to reveal His presence in our world.

On **Thursday, December 11**, students learned about “Living in Love & Forgiveness” with a presentation from Mary Russomanno, Campus Minister at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School. We will now take a break for Christmas and resume on **Thursday, January 8 at 7pm** for our next required session for students, where we will welcome our Director of Parish Social Ministry, Yanira Chacon, to learn about “Living in Justice, Compassion, and Mercy.”

I'd like to invite your family to join us for the **9:15am Mass on Sunday, January 4** in the chapel. This will be a Mass focused on students preparing for Confirmation followed by Coffee Hour in Code Auditorium. Students are asked to bring canned soup, Ramen or cup of soup for donation to our Food Pantry.

Our next **Parent Meeting** will take place at **7:00pm on Wednesday, January 14** where we will welcome a presentation on the Family at Prayer. Parent Meetings are an obligation that is a core component of the Family Faith Formation FIRE Program.

Please be aware that your child has a **required reading plan** that can be found beginning on page 28 in their journal workbooks. They should be reading the assigned scripture and answering one of the reflection questions **BEFORE** each session they attend on Thursday evenings. These are short passages that will enable them to have a more engaging discussion in their small groups each week.

Your child should be actively working to complete all components in the **Journal Workbook**. The completed Journal Workbook is required for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates will not be scheduled for a Confirmation date without this. Included in the journal is an interview to be scheduled with a member of the Pastoral Staff. A contact list is in the appendix of the journal. **Students should schedule these interviews with their chosen staff member as soon as possible** since schedules fill up quickly. In addition, don't forget to check the St. Brigid Service Activity Form. The QR Code is found to the right.

Wishing your family a Blessed Advent and Joyous Christmas!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vince Buzzeo".

**Vince Buzzeo**

Director of Confirmation Preparation





## **FIRE Year 2 - 2025-2026 Calendar**

### **January**

1/8, 1/22

Grade Level Liturgy: Sunday, 1/4 at 9:15am (chapel)

Parent Meeting: Thursday, 1/14 at 7:00pm

### **February**

2/5, 2/26

### **March**

3/12, 3/26

Reconciliation - 3/10 OR 3/24 at 7 p.m. - Church - Groups to be assigned. Students must be accompanied by an adult.

### **April**

4/23

Parent Meeting: Thursday, 4/29 at 7:00pm

### **May**

5/7, 5/14 SNOW DAY Make-up session if necessary

Note: Confirmation takes place in the Spring, usually in May. **Confirmation dates are provided to us from the Bishop's Office. We do not get to select dates.** As soon as we receive these, we will share them along with the planned rehearsal dates.