"From the mystery of Easter, that is, from the open Heart of the crucified and glorious Redeemer, the action of grace- chiefly through the celebration of the sacraments- flows throughout history down to our own day and, through us, reaches future generations, embracing everyone in that extraordinary promise of Jesus: ‘Behold, I am with you until the end of the age.’ The Sacrament of Confirmation is, par excellence, the ‘place’ of Christian maturity. The gift of the Holy Spirit, Who in Baptism made us children of God and brothers of Jesus, now makes us qualified witnesses to the world. God confirms His gift, and we confirm our “yes.” From discipleship to the apostolate: this is the way of Christian maturity, the path of sanctity."

-Jose Cardinal Saraiva Martines, Vatican City, Nov. 24th, 2004
Dear Parents & Confirmation Candidates,

Welcome to your Confirmation years! The Sacrament of Confirmation completes the initiation into the Catholic Church, building on what was begun at Baptism and nourished in the Holy Eucharist. At Confirmation, each candidate will renew those baptismal promises. We are delighted that you and your child will be part of our program this year and we look forward to working with you to make this year a meaningful one.

We understand that you and your family have many work, school and social commitments. This is a two-year sacramental preparation program which is required to be eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and attendance is key/mandatory. We encourage you and your child to have a conversation regarding the commitment and potential sacrifices which you will need to make to accomplish this. Like you, I am a parent of a Confirmation candidate. So, I share in your enthusiasm in having your children grow in the commitment to their Catholic faith during the Confirmation process. While our Holy Name catechists are committed and ready to make this happen for your child, you and your family remain the principal role models for the candidates and your active participation in that role is essential. Regularly attending Mass each week and receiving the sacraments are things you can do to help the candidate understand the importance of this sacrament. This is also a year for the candidates to look outside of themselves and participate in service to his/her faith community.

We hope this handbook will be informative for you as the year progresses. Should you have any questions during the year please feel free to contact me.

Christ’s Peace to you and your family,

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CONFIRMATION POLICY
Holy Name Catholic Church - Sheridan, Wyoming

Confirmation is a community's sacramental celebration of an individual’s mature and personal affirmation of the gift of Faith, which continues the work of the Spirit begun in Baptism. The parish celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated annually at Holy Name.

AGE REQUIREMENTS:
Holy Name is in the process of implementing a 2-year (7th-8th Grade) Confirmation program. There will be no Confirmation at Holy Name this year. Interested 7th Graders are invited to attend this year’s 1st Year Confirmation course. Then the following year (2024-2025) they would move into the 2nd Year Confirmation course. They will then be Confirmed the Spring of 2025.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:
Each candidate needs to show a willingness to receive the Sacrament. It is important for the students and parents to be at every class. Students are expected to be at all classes and retreats unless they are sick, or a family emergency arises. If the student is going to miss a class, please notify the teacher prior to class. Make-up work will be assigned for any missed class time and it will be due the following class meeting. We heavily encourage everyone to participate in the in-person classes. We understand that there may be serious, unforeseen reasons for missing a class. If the student misses more than (4) classes in total it will be determined by the Director of Faith Formation in conjunction with Fr. Glenn whether or not they will be able to move on to the 2nd Confirmation year. The in-person retreats are required.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES & FAMILY MASS:
1. We are making a change this year in moving from a Youth Mass emphasis to encouraging more of a Family Mass approach. We want to encourage families to volunteer and assist at the Masses. Each Confirmation candidate and their family will be expected to assist at least (2) Family Masses-Sunday at 5:00pm on your choice of the following dates:
   
   September 24th  January 28th
   October 29th    February 18th
   November 19th   March 17th

**If you are signed up to regularly volunteer for the parish’s altar serving ministry schedule you will not be required to serve for the Youth Masses, unless you would like to.
Please contact Julie Garber at the parish office to get on the Family Mass schedule (751-4127). Available options include ushering, altar serving, lecturing, gift bearers and music ministry. Please contact Jeannette Wilcock to volunteer in the music ministry (752-5575).

**AND**

2. We try to encourage our Confirmation candidates to make their community a better place by volunteering their time and talent in ways that they see they can contribute.

- Each student will be expected to volunteer at least (2) times per Confirmation year in some capacity for their community; be it soup kitchen, helping with K of C Fish Fries, visiting nursing homes, etc. (See provided list of this year’s options)
- Each community service project needs to be approved by Monique Barron before credit will be given.
- A community service reflection form (found on page 9) will need to be filled out for each service project completed. If you need additional forms, you can make copies or they can be printed from our parish website at: [www.holynamesheridan.org](http://www.holynamesheridan.org). All service forms are to be turned in on or before March 1, 2024.

**Retreat Opportunities:**
Diocesan and parish guidelines for Confirmation require that the candidates participate in a retreat. These retreats are seen as an integral part of the candidate’s preparation. It is expected that all candidates for Confirmation will attend the Holy Name Confirmation Retreats as follows:

**1st Year Confirmation Retreat:** An away Salesian Sister Confirmation Retreat in Casper on Sunday, March 3rd. Details will be forthcoming.

**2nd Year Confirmation Retreats:** None this year.

**Baptismal Certificate:**
Each candidate is required to submit a copy of their baptismal certificate. Information from the baptismal certificate will be recorded. You may obtain a copy of the certificate by calling the parish where your baptism took place and they will send one to you. Or, if you were baptized at Holy Name, please provide us with the date of baptism. (Due Nov 1, 2023)
Sacramental Years Checklist

1ST YEAR CONFIRMATION CHECKLIST

_____ Mandatory Confirmation Retreat tentatively on March 10, 2023.
_____ Service hours. Two due March 1st, 2024.
_____ Youth Mass service participation Two due by March 12th, 2024.
_____ Missing Homework: __________________________________________________________

Please see the Confirmation Handbook for more details. The handbook can be printed off of the church website, if additional copies are needed. www.holynamesheridan.org

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Confirmation Service Form

Candidate’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Community Service Activity: ___________________________________________________

Community Service Coordinator: ________________________________________________

Coordinator’s Signature: _______________________________________________________

Explanation of Activity: _______________________________________________________

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Service Reflection:

How was this service a use of my gifts and talents? How did I feel doing this service? How did person(s) I help benefit from my service? Is this an area I would like to continue?

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Youth Mass Service Form

Candidate’s Name: ____________________________________________

Liturgal Ministry: ________________________________________________

Liturgal Minister’s Name: _________________________________________

Liturgal Minister’s Signature: _________________________________

Explanation of Activity: __________________________________________

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Youth Mass Reflection:

How was this service a use of my gifts and talents? How did I feel doing this service? How did my fellow parishioners benefit from my involvement? Is this an area I would like to continue?

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