

CONFIRMATION

YEAR 2



CONFIRMATION INFORMATION PACKET

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Welcome,

Confirmation is one of the Church's three Sacraments of Initiation, the other two being Baptism and Holy Eucharist (Holy Communion). Confirmation is the sacrament that completes the graces given to us at Baptism. It gives us the graces we need to grow stronger and more resilient in our faith. It increases the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity first given to us in Baptism. It bonds us more tightly to Christ and his Church. It gives us the courage to more fully immerse ourselves into the Church's teachings. It strengthens us to be more perfect and faithful Christians, especially as courageous witnesses to the world, and marks us in an invisible way as Christians clothed with these graces.

An ideal candidate for the sacrament of confirmation will be one mature in faith, not necessarily by age (see CCC 1308). They must be in the state of grace having received the sacrament of reconciliation, and desire to be continually reconciled to God and the Church through the sacraments. They are intimate with Jesus and are intentional in their discipleship. They have a meaningful prayer life, and frequently receive the Eucharist, while attending Masses on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. They desire to be a part of their parish community, in striving to strengthen the parish and live as one of its members. They are willing and desirous of witnessing in their daily lives the love of Christ and His commands. They are evangelizing and bringing others into the Church and into relationship with Jesus. Confirmation candidates will be in relationship with the Holy Spirit, seeking to continually foster the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives. They will be living lives of love of neighbor, responding to God's love by living the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy (works of charity and service). They will be actively seeking and discerning God's specific calling and vocation in their lives; both their universal call to holiness, but also their specific calling for their lives in service to Church (single, married, religious, priesthood).

We are excited to journey with your family as we strive to prepare your candidate for Confirmation. Please review the Information in this packet and know that I am always available for a phone call, in person meeting, or a quick question before or after Confirmation Sessions!

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Confirmation Year 2 Schedule

SEPTEMBER

18 Confirmation
25 Confirmation

OCTOBER

02 **Confirmation**
09 Confirmation
16 Family Faith Event
23 Confirmation
30 Confirmation

NOVEMBER

06 **No Confirmation**
13 Confirmation
20 Confirmation
27 **No Confirmation**

DECEMBER

04 Confirmation
11 Confirmation
18 Confirmation
25 **No Confirmation**

JANUARY

01 **No Confirmation**
08 **Confirmation**
15 Confirmation
22 Confirmation
29 Confirmation

FEBRUARY

05 **Confirmation**
12 **No Confirmation**
19 Confirmation
26 Confirmation

MARCH

04 **No Confirmation**
11 Confirmation
18 Confirmation
25 **No Confirmation**

APRIL

01 **No Confirmation**
08 **Confirmation**
15 Confirmation
22 Confirmation
29 Confirmation



** Orange signifies nights with a Guest Speaker
** Bold signifies nights off from Confirmation
** Family Faith Events are for the entire Faith Formation Program to attend with their families

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Confirmation



Casey Keller, Director of Youth Formation

Casey oversees the Confirmation program and organizes behind the scenes. Casey's goal is the point person for all of the Confirmation Requirements, Events, and administrative tasks that go along with the Confirmation program. If you have questions about anything, she's the go-to!



Doran and Tammy Lafaive, Confirmation Team

Doran and Tammy are the dynamic duo that teach our Confirmation class! Doran and Tammy will spend every week with your students getting to know them and leading them through the Confirmation Sessions in order to best prepare them for Confirmation in the Spring!

EVENTS TO ATTEND



Sunday Mass

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. For those preparing for the reception of a sacrament, the nourishment of weekly Eucharist is necessary. Thus, it is expected that all candidates for confirmation and their families are attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.



Reconciliation

There should not be a preparation for any sacrament in which the life of Christ and His healing power through the sacrament of reconciliation is not present. Thus, it is expected that all candidates for confirmation receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation to be Confirmed.



Confirmation Sessions

Our Confirmation sessions cover the following topics over the course of the year: 1) Called by name/the Kerygma, 2) Baptismal Promises, 3) Gifts/Fruits of the Holy Spirit, 4) Life of Prayer, 5) Apostolic Mission, 6) Martyrdom, 7) Evangelization, 8) Life in the Spirit. It is understandable that there will be occasions when a candidate cannot make a session.



Confirmation Retreat

Studies have shown that retreat opportunities are one of the most effective ways of allowing a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Thus, it is expected that all candidates for confirmation attend a retreat. The Confirmation Retreat will be hosted by the diocese and is TBA.



Confirmation Interview

Confirmation students are required to complete a Confirmation Interview. This is less of a quiz and more a discussion to gauge the Candidates readiness to get Confirmed. Confirmation Interviews are scheduled in the Spring Semester and are TBA.



Confirmation Liturgy

This is where the Candidates receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Last year, Confirmation took place at the Cathedral. We have a new Bishop, and it is up to him if Confirmation will take place at individual parishes or at the Cathedral. Because of this, the Confirmation date and location are TBA.

DOCUMENTS TO TURN IN



Confirmation Covenant

It is important that every candidate and their family understand the commitment and expectations of the preparation process and agree to it.

It can be turned in at Confirmation Class or directly to Casey in the parish office.

*The Confirmation Covenant can be found in your folder or online on the parish Confirmation page.

The Confirmation Covenant is due by October 2nd.



Confirmation Candidate Form

It is important that every candidate and their family complete the Candidate Form.

This helps the parish staff and the Bishop's office to complete administrative tasks necessary

*The Confirmation Candidate Form can be found in your folder or online on the parish Confirmation page.

The Confirmation Covenant is due by October 2nd.



Sponsor Forms

Every Sponsor needs to complete two forms.

The Confirmation Sponsor Form is a simple form that the Sponsor can complete on their own.

The Sponsor Certificate Form needs to be completed and submitted to the parish they belong too in order for their Pastor to sign and return to St. Catherine's.

The Confirmation Sponsor Form and the Sponsor Certificate Form are due by November 20th.

DOCUMENTS TO TURN IN



Baptismal Certificate

In order to get Confirmed, each Candidate will need to submit a recent copy of their Baptismal Certificate.

These need to be requested from the church the child was baptized in.

If your child was baptized at St. Catherine's, please note this on the Confirmation Candidate Form and nothing further needs to be done.

You can call the Parish the child was baptized at and request a new copy be sent directly to St. Catherine's.

Baptismal Certificates are due by November 20th.



Letter to the Bishop

Confirmation Candidates should prepare a typed letter to the bishop including the following items...

- An introduction to who they are (name, age, grade, school attends, and interests)
- Information they learned from the saints they researched
- What name they will be taking/retaining
- A way they grew closer in relationship to God through the confirmation process
- How they lived the works of mercy
- Why they want to be confirmed
- Who their sponsor is and why
- A formal request for confirmation

The Letter to the Bishop is due by February 5th.



Saint Reports

It is important that the candidates understand the Communion of Saints and build relationships with the saints, and see examples of lives of holiness.

Each Candidate will complete 2 Saint worksheets on 2 different Saints. They will then pick a 3rd Saint to research and type a 1-2 page report on that Saint. The Saint chosen should be the Saint Name chosen for Confirmation.

Saint Worksheets and final report are due by February 5th.

SPONSORS

Sponsors

- Must be at least 16 years of age, baptized, and a confirmed and practicing Catholic
- Ideally would be the Sponsor from Baptism
- May be a sibling but cannot be your parent

Sponsor Role

The role of a Sponsor is to live as an example of the Catholic life for the candidate. The Sponsor should take an active role in the preparation of the candidate and model what it is to be a true witness of Christ.