



WHY CONFIRMATION?

The Sacrament of Confirmation

- Gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross
- Increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us
(wisdom, counsel, courage, understanding, piety, knowledge, awe & wonder)
- Helps us to know we are loved and forever belong to God's family, the Church.
(Catechism of the Catholic Church Paragraph 1303)

The Sacrament of Confirmation is based in Scripture

"But you shall receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you; and you shall be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth" - Acts 1:8 (*Jesus speaking to his Apostles before he returned to heaven.*)

"Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, **they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit**; for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they **had only been baptized** in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit" - Acts 8:14-17
(*Description of how the early Church sent bishops to confirm Christians who had been baptized, but had not been Confirmed.*)

"The Spirit is the presence and the power of God in the life of the believer. In short, the indwelling of the Spirit makes it possible to live victoriously as a disciple of Jesus Christ."

Scott Hahn, Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture, Romans

Confirmation provides us access to graces that are inexhaustible and with the Holy Spirit's help we can live the abundant life of a Christian and experience transformation beyond what we could ever accomplish on our own.

CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS

Parent meeting with Andrea
(sign up for August meeting w/ QR
code by August 1st)



Service Hour Proposal due
Nov. 12th (20 Service Hours Total
10 Corporal and 10 Spiritual
Works of Mercy)

Choose a Confirmation Saint by
Dec. 10th

Family Sacramental Prep once a
month on 2nd Tues. 6-8pm
St. Mary Campus (See Calendar
Below) **Kick-off Sept. 10th***

Candidate meeting with
Andrea schedule by Feb. 11th

7-8th Grade Faith Formation
Nights Tuesdays @ St. Mary FLC
6-7:30PM

Completed Confirmation Service
Hour Sheet due by
March 11th

Confirmation Retreat -
Fri., Sept. 13th -Sun., Sept.15th @
Damascus Catholic Mission
Campus
(This retreat is highly
recommended more details in
packet)

Candidate meeting with Fr.
Tuttle scheduled by March 11 th

Choose a Confirmation sponsor
by Oct.8th

Family Sacramental Prep - Diving
Deeper Day Sat., April 5th @
St. Mary Church, FLC, &
Catechesis Center 8am-2pm

Sponsor Meeting
(sponsors only)
Thurs., Oct. 24th
7-8pm @ FLC

Rehearsal & Confirmation Mass @
Cathedral TBD based on Bishop's
schedule

*Signed Sponsor Sheet Due

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR 2024-2025

AUG

Sign up for a parent with Andrea through QR code

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Aug 1* Confirm whether your son/daughter will be opting in for the Confirmation Retreat in September. We can't recommend it enough!

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Sept 10* Family Sacramental Prep Kick-off @ St. Mary FLC 6pm
Sept 17 & 24 7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation @ St. Mary FLC 6-7:30pm
Sept 13-15 Damascus Confirmation Retreat Weekend

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Oct 8* Family Sacramental Prep @ St. Mary Campus
Oct 1, 15, 22, 29 7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation
Oct 24* Sponsor Meeting @ St. Mary FLC 7-8pm

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Nov 5* Family Sacramental Prep @ St. Mary Campus
Nov 19 7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation

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Dec 10* Family Sacramental Prep @ St. Mary Campus
Dec 3&17 7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation

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Jan 14* Family Sacramental Prep @ St. Mary Campus
Jan 7, 21, 28 7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation

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Feb 11* Family Sacramental Prep @ St. Mary Campus
Feb 4, 18, 25 7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation

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Mar 11* Family Sacramental Prep @ St. Mary Campus
Mar 4, 18, 25 7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation

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Apr 5* Family Sacramental Prep Diving Deeper Day @ St. Mary Campus 8am-2pm
Apr 8* Family Sacramental Prep @ St. Mary Campus
Apr 1, 15, 29 7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation

Parent meeting QR code.
Please sign up for an
August date no later
than August 1st..



The Confirmation date cannot be set until the Bishop's schedule is set. The intention is to go to the cathedral on a Saturday or Sunday after Easter (April 20th). We will let you know what date has been chosen ASAP.



CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Opting in could have a HUGE impact on your child's spiritual life!

While it is not required that your child attends this weekend retreat, we cannot recommend it enough. There are college aged students who attended this retreat 6 years ago and still talk about what a positive experience this was for them. Having personally helped to lead this same retreat model as a Damascus missionary, I can vouch for the quality of this retreat experience.

Damascus Confirmation retreats exist to introduce young people to an experiential understanding of the beauty of the Catholic Church and the adventure of a life lived in relationship with God. Like their summer camp program, this is a fun, high-adventure experience that is designed specifically to meet young people at this important stage of their lives and invite them to deeper relationship with God and his Church.

RETREAT DATES & TIMES:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH 6PM - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH 11:30AM MASS
(OPEN TO FAMILIES!)

LOCATION:

DAMASCUS CATHOLIC MISSION CAMPUS
7550 RAMEY RD.
CENTERBURG, OH 43011

COST:

\$155 WEEKEND RETREAT
DO NOT LET COST BE A REASON YOUR CHILD DOESN'T GO.
TALK TO US ABOUT HOW WE CAN HELP YOU MAKE THIS
RETREAT POSSIBLE!

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RETREAT BY FOLLOWING THE LINK BELOW:

[HTTPS://WWW.DAMASCUS.NET/CONFIRMATION-RETREATS](https://www.damascus.net/confirmation-retreats)

In order to guarantee our spots for the Confirmation retreat we need to know by **Thursday, August 1st** whether or not you'd would like to register your son or daughter for this retreat.

An artistic background image showing two hands, one from the left and one from the right, holding a bright, glowing light source. The hands are rendered in warm, earthy tones of orange, red, and brown, with visible brushstrokes. The light emanates from the center, creating a soft, ethereal glow. The overall composition is centered and symmetrical, with the hands and light occupying the upper half of the frame.

WORKS OF MERCY

The Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy are the way in which we as Christians for over 2,000 years have been living as authentic witnesses of Jesus Christ to the world around us. Both the Spiritual and the Corporal works of Mercy are of great importance for the Christian life.

Jesus is so clear in the Gospel of Matthew that whatever we do to the poor we do to him (Matthew 25:34-40). God cares about our physical and spiritual needs. God has sent us to take care of one another and share what we have been given.

We are inviting you as a family, and especially your sons and daughters preparing for Confirmation, to begin practicing these works of mercy more intentionally. Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick. And while the spiritual works of mercy can be daunting at first, remember that it may not be as difficult as you think to comfort the sorrowful, pray for the living and the dead, share with others the truths of our faith (instruct the ignorant), and be honest with yourself and others when they are choosing things that aren't good for them (admonishing the sinner).

Your child is required to complete 10 hours of corporal works of mercy and 10 hours of spiritual works of mercy for a total of 20 service hours. Your child is not not required to complete service hours for every corporal and spiritual work of mercy, but they are required to focus on at least 2 different corporal and 2 different spiritual works of mercy in their service hours.

Some corporal works of mercy don't make sense for 7th and 8th graders to do in a completely literal sense. For example, unless there is a way to do it safely I'm not asking your children to begin prison ministry or bury the dead. However, you can be creative with care packages for prisoners or making and laying wreaths on the graves of veterans in a cemetery. Similarly, it doesn't quite fit to document when they have borne wrongs patiently or forgive offenses willingly on service hour log, so talk about what it looks like to live those spiritual works of mercy in your day to day family/ school life and focus on sharing about truths of the faith (instructing the ignorant) by volunteering to help with younger children during our parish Totus Tuus July 22nd-26th, 2025 or creating interactive ways to pray for the living and the dead, or spending time comforting the sorrowful by spending time with those who are lonely and sad.

The background of the top section is a textured, painterly image showing two hands, one in the foreground and one in the background, both holding a heart. The colors are warm, with shades of orange, red, and brown, and the texture is visible, suggesting a brushstroke or pastel style.

WORKS OF MERCY

THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY:

- **COUNSELING THE DOUBTFUL.**
- **INSTRUCTING THE IGNORANT.**
- **ADMONISHING THE SINNER.**
- **COMFORTING THE SORROWFUL.**
- **FORGIVING OFFENSES WILLINGLY.**
- **BEARING WRONGS PATIENTLY.**
- **PRAYING FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD**

THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY:

- **FEED THE HUNGRY.**
- **GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY.**
- **CLOTHE THE NAKED.**
- **VISIT THE IMPRISONED.**
- **SHELTER THE HOMELESS.**
- **VISIT THE SICK.**
- **BURY THE DEAD.**

SERVICE HOUR PROPOSAL

DUE AT NOVEMBER 12TH MEETING

Reminder that for something to qualify as a service hour it is something you are choosing to give your time to do and something for which you are not being paid. It must be a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. We love animals and the environment, absolutely volunteer with great organizations who do this work, for Confirmation service requirements we are going to focus of loving people in the ways Jesus has taught us.

Your schools may have some great service projects built into the school year. Just remember if the whole class/ school is participating in a large service project during school hours that you would have done anyway, that does not count towards service hours. We are inviting you to go out of your way to intentionally serve and love others by gifting your time and talents. Be creative, and think outside of the box! You were created to be the light of the world!

I plan to complete my minimum service hour requirement of 20 hours in this way: (Explain service project idea(s) in a minimum of 3 sentences.)

Which of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy will you be fulfilling over these 20 hours?: (List all that apply, a minimum of 4)

Student Name (Printed)

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

SERVICE HOUR LOG

DUE AT MARCH 11TH MEETING

Date	Time Spent	Service Project	Work(s) of Mercy	Adult Signature

Student Name (Printed)

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Date

SERVICE HOUR LOG

DUE AT MARCH 11TH MEETING

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Parent Signature

Date

Date

WHO CAN BE MY CHILD'S SPONSOR?

The role of the Sponsor is to assist in presenting the candidate for Confirmation and to help the candidate live a Christian life befitting the baptized. The following are the requirements according to Canon Law, paragraphs 872-874.

1. Sponsors must be willing to provide spiritual guidance to the child. They may not be the mother or father of the person to be confirmed.
2. Sponsors must be age 16 or older, unless the parish priest considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made.
3. Sponsors must be fully initiated Catholics (one who has celebrated Baptism, Eucharistic, Confirmation and practices their faith).
4. Sponsors must be actively practicing their Catholic faith and living as an authentic witnesses of Christ in accordance with the teachings of the Church.*
If the person you are considering as a sponsor is not married according to the laws and practices of the Catholic Church, or is cohabitating [living together without marriage], they are not able to sponsor your child as they are not currently able to be practicing, authentic witnesses of Christ and his Church. Catholics who are divorced and remarried, and whose previous marriage has not been annulled by a Decree of Invalidity are considered members of the Church living in an irregular (or invalid) marriage and as such, are not eligible to be a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor.* *Our priests are happy to meet with anyone seeking an annulment or convalidation. We want help all people be able to receive all the graces available to them through the sacraments.*
4. A Sponsor must be an active, registered member of a Catholic Parish. If the Sponsor is over 18, the person must be registered under their own name at a Catholic Parish. For those who are not parishioners of St Mary or St. Peter's Church, the Sponsors must complete the sponsor sheet and have it signed his/her parish indicating that he/she is a Catholic in good standing. The certificate should be mailed to the Parish Office no later than **December 10th, 2023**.
5. If a sponsors is unable to be at the Confirmation a sponsor may be represented by a proxy. If you plan to have a proxy, he/she must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing.

SPONSOR SHEET
(FOR OUR LADY, QUEEN OF APOSTLES SPONSORS)

NAME OF SPONSOR: _____

CANDIDATE SPONSORING: _____
(*Name of person being confirmed*)

CHURCH WITH YOUR SACRAMENTAL RECORDS: _____
(*St. Mary Chiillicothe, St. Peter, St. Mary Waverly*)

SPONSOR INFORMATION

I _____ affirm that:

- I am at least 16 years of age.
- I am a practicing Catholic registered at a parish.
- I have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
- I participate in the Mass on Sundays and Holy days and receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly.
- I regularly contribute to the financial needs of the parish.
- If married, I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church. If divorced, I have not remarried outside the Catholic Church.
- I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to the community life of the Church by my loving response to those with whom I come in contact.
- I realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and the Church in becoming a sponsor and will faithfully fulfill the obligations connected with it. I will give support to the person I am sponsoring by my prayers and by the Christian example of my daily life.

By my signature, I attest to be a practicing Catholic who seeks to be admitted as a sponsor, solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirements of the Catholic Church for this role as presented above. I intend, with the grace of God, to continue the practice of my Catholic Faith, and I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the obligations of my role as sponsor.

Signature of Sponsor

Date

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

(FOR OUT OF TOWN SPONSORS)

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY IS REQUESTED FOR CONFIRMATION

AS A SPONSOR: _____
(Name of person being confirmed)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARISH: Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office
285 W. Water St., Chillicothe, OH 45601

SPONSOR INFORMATION

I _____ affirm that:

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Signature of Sponsor

Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSOR'S PARISH

This is to certify that _____
_____ is a registered member of the above stated parish.
_____ is in good standing in this parish and that he/she meets the requirements for being a sponsor. _____ is registered in our parish as an active, practicing Catholic.

Priest Signature _____ Date: _____

Church of Address Phone # _____