

# *Adolescent Confirmation Preparation*

*2020-2021 Candidate and Parent Syllabus*



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*Confirmation is the final Sacrament of Initiation in which the confirmed are sealed with the Holy Spirit and are drawn fully into active participation in the life of the church. At St. Edith Stein, our adolescent Confirmation program will prepare you to receive the Sacrament and assist you in becoming full active participants in the community.*

If you have any questions please contact the Director of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelisation  
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## Parent Sponsor Meeting

**October 4, 2020**

1:00-2:00pm on Zoom

## Retreat Dates

**October 11, 2020**

Retreat #1:30-5:30pm on Zoom

**February 12-13, 2021**

Retreat #2 (Weekend Retreat at St. Edith Stein)

## Due Dates

**October 25, 2020**

\*Saint Report Due\*

**November 8, 2020**

\*Sponsor Form Due\*

**April 18, 2021**

\*25 Service Hours Due (Including 5 Hours of service to the poor) \*

**May 2, 2021**

\*Confirmation Sponsor Verification Form Due\*

## Class Dates

Sundays 3:30pm to 5:30pm

<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
*Oct. 25	Jan. 24
*Nov. 8	Feb.28
Nov. 15	Mar. 7
Dec. 6	Mar. 28
Dec. 20	*Apr.18
	*May 2

## Confirmation Mass

Confirmation Rehearsal: **TBA, (May? 2021)**

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## **Eligibility for Confirmation Preparation**

- Be a baptized Catholic who has received first communion
- Be at least a Sophomore in high school and at least 15 years old
- Must have attended one year of faith formation classes or catholic school the year before starting confirmation Classes
- Family must be a registered member of St. Edith Stein parish

## **Registration for Confirmation Preparation**

- Completing the necessary paperwork
  - Adolescent Confirmation Registration Form
  - Copy of your Baptismal Certificate
  - Payment of \$100

## **Attendance Required for Confirmation**

- Confirmation Classes
  - If you are more than 15 min. late it will count as an absence
  - Candidates can only miss 2 classes without penalty
  - If Candidates miss 4 confirmation classes they will be automatically withdrawn from classes and will not be confirmed.
- 2 Retreats (one is 2 days)
- Confirmation Rehearsal
- Confirmation Mass

## **Classes**

- Catechists will lead a class on the core teachings of Confirmation. These classes will give the Candidates a firm understanding of Confirmation and will prepare them to receive the Sacrament.

## **Retreats**

- All Confirmation candidates are required to attend 2 retreats; 1 being a day retreat on Zoom and 1 being a 2 day retreat at St. Edith Stein.
- If a candidate is unable to attend the retreats scheduled for St. Edith Stein, the candidate is responsible for attending another confirmation retreat with another parish.

## **General Conduct**

- Candidates should model Christian morals and values in their dress, speech, and actions.
- Candidates should be respectful of adult instructors and one another.
- Candidates should arrive on time for sessions and plan to stay for the entire session
- Candidates should participate fully in the sessions.
- Cell phones should be turned off
- Personal electronics and homework should be left at home.

## **Zoom Etiquette**

- You must have a device that can run Zoom with audio and video.
- All cameras should remain on with your face fully visible.
- When you're not talking you should mute your microphone.
- Your full name must be displayed as your Zoom name.
- You must be appropriately dressed as if you were in a classroom.
- Absolutely no drawing on the zoom screen.
- No messaging on Zoom is allowed unless instructed

## **Confirmation Patron Saint**

At Confirmation, you will choose a “patron saint” – a holy man or woman whose life you admire and would like to emulate. You will be taking this person’s name when you are Confirmed. Choose a patron saint as you would choose a close friend – someone you look up to, have something in common with, and feel comfortable talking to when you need assistance. You may choose to keep your baptismal saint or choose another saint at this time.

Once you have chosen a patron saint, please answer the following questions in a 1 page Paper.

1. What saint have you chosen? When is his/her feast day?
2. What virtues (gifts) did this saint practice in his/her life?
3. How is this saint a model for you today?

## **Confirmation Sponsor Qualifications**

A Confirmation Sponsor must be:

- A Baptized and Confirmed Catholic
- At least 16 years old
- Must be in a valid marriage (if married)
- Someone other than the candidate's parent

## **Confirmation Sponsor Responsibilities**

Candidates are responsible for sharing with their sponsors the following Requirements:

- Meet at least three times to go over the 3 sessions in the Confirmation Sponsor Guide with the candidate (Meetings may be in person, over the phone, via email, or through other correspondence)
- The sponsor will need a *Confirmation Sponsor Guide*. (It can also be found on our website ([www.stedithstein.org/confirmation-1](http://www.stedithstein.org/confirmation-1)) You will then see the documents on the left side of the page.
- Be present at the Rite of Confirmation and Rehearsal (Parents must attend if sponsors are unable to do so.)

## **Parish or Community Service Hours**

By our baptism, we are all called to use our different gifts to share in the mission of Jesus: “in the Church there is diversity of ministry, but unity of mission.” Confirmation is, if nothing else, our response to God’s gracious call to follow Him. We follow Christ when we imitate his example – by loving God above all else, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. As followers of Jesus, we believe that ministry is not something that we do – rather, it is who we are.

Candidates are asked to offer 25 hours of Service to St. Edith Stein Parish or the Community during their time of preparation.

- **Candidates are responsible for keeping track of their hours.** A “Confirmation Parish or Community Service Log” is included in this handbook.
- Rather than helping with a one-time special project, Candidates are encouraged to make an on-going, one-year commitment to the Parish or Community Service of their choice.
- Candidates must dedicate at least 5 hours of Service to helping the poor.

## **Dress code for the Confirmation Mass:**

- **NO JEANS, SNEAKERS, SHORTS, HOODIES OR FLIP-FLOPS ARE ALLOWED**
- There is no specific color you need to wear for your confirmation Mass

**Ladies:** A dress, pants or skirt & blouse is appropriate. It must be modest in length and coverage. No bare shoulders; if it is a sundress or is strapless, you must wear a sweater. Please have appropriate shoes; you will be walking down the aisle and the floor can be slick so please keep this in mind.

**Gentlemen:** Dress pants (khaki, navy, grey or black), a dress shirt and tie. Suits or sports coats are fine as well. Appropriate dress shoes must be worn.

## **Remind:**

We will communicate updates and reminders to you using Remind. It is your responsibility to sign up for Remind and keep your contact information updated.

### **There are 2 ways to get messages**

1. **Text @con2021 to the number 81010 (To get text messages)**
2. **Open your web browser and go to [rmd.at/con2021](http://rmd.at/con2021) (To get push notifications)**



# Confirmation Parish or Community Service Hours Log

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Due **April 18, 2021** with 25 or more hours

Date	Hours	Service	Leader Signature



## Confirmation Sponsor Form

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Due **November 8, 2020**

Sponsors Name:

**(First)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Last)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Verify The Following about the Sponsor:**

Baptized and Confirmed Catholic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Over the age of 16?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is someone other than the Candidate's parent?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Married in the Catholic Church? (If married)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Married