
BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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Blessed Trinity Confirmation **2020-2021**

Confirmation Date: Fall 2021

Confirmation Checklist

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Sheet |
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Mass Attendance

As Catholics, we hold the Mass as the highest form of prayer. It is here we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, His body, blood, soul and divinity. All Confirmandi are required to attend Sunday Mass. Having this requirement will help instill a habit of attending Mass. The Church asks us to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation. From the Catechism of the Catholic Church explaining our obligation to attend Mass:

“The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass." "The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day." The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin. Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. the faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.”¹

If you are unable to attend Mass in person, I ask you to watch it online. If you are able to attend Mass in person, don't let the online option be an excuse not to go. Every Sunday whether you attend in person or online, fill out the Mass Reflection Worksheet.

¹ Catechism of the Catholic Church 2180 - 2182

Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, March 13th
9:00am - 10:00pm
Camp Gray Catholic Camp
Reedsburg, WI
Cost: \$50

“Be generous in answering Jesus’ call inviting you to put out into the deep and become His witnesses, discovering the trust He puts in you to devise a future together with Him. Above all, to fulfill this mission the Church is entrusting to you requires that you cultivate a genuine life of prayer nourished by the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession.” - St. John Paul II

A retreat is an opportunity to get away from the world. It’s an escape into something more. The Confirmation retreat helps cultivate your love for Christ. It’s an opportunity to get away and spend quality time with the Lord in prayer. He is inviting us all on this retreat to get away and spend time with Him. The importance of a Confirmation retreat is to reflect on the Sacrament and see what the Lord is calling us to do. Ultimately He is calling each of us to a life with Him.

If you don’t feel comfortable sending your teen in person to this retreat, please let me know and we can plan something for them.

Service Hours

After you complete each service, fill out the service hour sheet, and return to the Parish Office when completed with all.

Service Hour Sheets Due: September 16, 2021

You will need to complete **20 hours** of service in the community or in the parish.

Example or places of where you can serve:

- Fish Fry
- Any Parish Activities
- School Service Days
- Your Neighbor (cutting grass, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc.)
- Altar Serving or Reading at Mass
- Reach Out Lodi
- Week of Love Begins Here in Summer (Counts for 10 hours)

Sponsor

Each Confirmation candidate is required to have a sponsor. Here are guidelines and tips for choosing a sponsor.

Who is a sponsor?²

1. A Confirmed practicing Catholic
 - a. Follow 10 Commandments
 - b. Follow all Church teaching
 - c. Follow 5 precepts of the Church³
 - i. Go to Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation
 - ii. Go to Confession at least once a year
 - iii. Receive the Eucharist at least once a year in the Easter Season
 - iv. Observe the days of fasting and abstinence
 - v. Provide for the needs of the Church according to his/her own ability
2. Over the age of 16
3. Not the candidate's parents

What is a sponsor?

“Insofar as possible, there is to be a sponsor for the person to be confirmed; the sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament.”⁴

How to find a sponsor?

Looking over what a sponsor is, think of somebody who fits that description. Don't just pick any person. Think of somebody who will always be there for you in the good times and in times of need. Think of somebody who has a relationship with Christ and isn't afraid to show it. If this is your Godparent, then choose that person. If this is your brother or sister, choose them. Pray about who the Lord wants for you to help you along this journey.

Sponsor Form

Once the candidate chooses a sponsor he/she will need to give their sponsor this form to fill out. The form must be signed by the sponsor's current Parish Priest. You can either drop it off, mail it in, or e-mail it to Geno Finn, gfinn@btcatholic.us.

Sponsor Form Due: January 31st, 2021

² Canon 874

³ CCC 2041-2043

⁴ Canon 892

Sponsor-Candidate Conversations

Follow the prompts on the Sponsor-Candidate Conversation worksheets. Have these discussions before you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is important to really know your sponsor. They are there to help you on your faith journey along with your parents. These conversations should take place in person, on the phone, or through FaceTime, Skype, etc. They should NOT take place through email, text message, etc. Don't rush through these conversations. Take your time and really discuss the different topics. I hope these conversations are fruitful and help each of you grow closer to each other as well as grow closer to Christ. After each conversation fill out the Conversation Reflection sheet.

Reflection Sheets Due: September 16th, 2021

Saint

Each Candidate is to choose a Saint for Confirmation. You will need to write a 1 to 2 page summary of this Saint's life and why you chose this Saint. Here are a few tips for choosing a Saint and why we choose Saints.

Paper due: January 31st, 2021

Why pick a Saint?

We take on the name of a Saint at Confirmation, because this is someone we are striving to be like. We put a new demeanor. We are called to be witnesses for Christ. The Saints are witnesses that surround us always. They are there to help us on our journey.

Who?

“By *canonizing* some of the faithful, i.e., by solemnly proclaiming that they practiced heroic virtue and lived in fidelity to God's grace, the Church recognizes the power of the Spirit of holiness within her and sustains the hope of believers by proposing the saints to them as models and intercessors.”⁵

The Saints are those Canonized by the Church. You may also choose those who are Blesseds, those who have been Beatified and are on their way to Sainthood.

How?

When choosing a Saint, find somebody who is like you or someone you look up to. There are numerous Saints to choose from. Look online or in books for a Saint you want to be with you the rest of your life. They are there to intercede for you. Don't just pick the most common Saints, though they are great, choose one who you truly care about.

⁵ CCC 828