

Holy Name Parish Faith Formation

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What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Confirmation is the Sacrament that completes Baptism. In Confirmation the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to us. Anyone who freely decides to live a life as God's child and asks for God's Spirit under the signs of the imposition of hands and anointing with Chrism receives the strength to witness to God's love and might in word and deed. S/he is now a full-fledged member of the Catholic Church.

What happens in Confirmation?

In Confirmation the soul of a baptized Christian is imprinted with a permanent seal that can be received only once and marks this individual forever as a Christian. The gift of the Holy Spirit is the strength from above in which this individual puts the grace of his Baptism into practice through his life and acts as a witness for Christ.

Confirmation Preparation Program – 2020-2021

Holy Name Confirmation Preparation Program is a two year program.

For this year, we are offering In-Person Sessions and Zoom Sessions. The sessions will be comprised of various topics about our faith. It will be your choice on how you complete this year's program whether you do all of them on-line or if you do some in-person and others on line or even do all the required sessions in-person and the electives on Zoom.

Each candidate will be asked to complete 14 Sessions – 10 sessions that are required and four electives. You cannot do any of the same electives as last year.

In-person Sessions:

The in-person sessions will meet an average of twice a month. All of these sessions are the required sessions. They will be on Sundays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. These same sessions will also be offered at various times on Zoom. **You will also need to complete four electives by Zoom.**

October 18th
November 8th
November 22nd
December 6th
December 13th
January 10th
January 24th
February 28th
March 14th
March 28th

What is **Confirmation**? Why a **Name and Sponsor**?
What is Prayer? Can It Help Us? How Can We Pray Easily?
Why Is It So Important to Go To **Mass**?
The Beatitudes: Traits of Committed Followers of Christ
What Different Do the **Seven Sacraments** Make in Our Lives?
Who is Jesus? How Can He Be God and Human
Morality and Ethics: A Catholic Perspective
Vocations: God Calls Everyone, But To Different Ways of Life
The **Holy Spirit**: Whose Gifts and Blessings Make Us Strong
Jesus' Death and Resurrection: How They Changed the World

Zoom Sessions

There are a variety of Zoom Sessions that we are offering. There are some that are required and others that are electives. The sessions will be at varied times/dates and in most cases offered more than once, especially the required sessions. Sessions will run between 45 minutes and an hour.

Please don't wait until the last minute to do your Zoom Sessions. There are no guarantees that sessions that you want in April are available because they were offered earlier in the year.

For each session, we expect the following:

- Must be on time to the session – teachers will not
- Put your name in the chat. This will be one of the ways we take attendance
- You must have your camera on at all times and please post your first and last name
- Actively participate in the session

Each week we will send you an e-mail with all of the Zoom Sessions available that week.

It will be your responsibility to keep track of each session that you attend. A Tally Sheet is provided in this packet. It must be turned in by April 10th

Other important Dates and Opportunities

Sacrament of Confirmation 2021

May 2nd – Confirmation Workshop

Week of May 2nd - Conversation with the Candidate

May 14th – Confirmation Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

May 16th – Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Masses

Opening Mass and Session – October 4th – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Candidates and Parents)

Closing Mass and Session – April 11th – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Candidates and Parents)

Weekly Mass – Saturday at 4:00 p.m. – Sundays at 7:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Retreats and Workshops

9th Grade Retreat – Saturday, November 14th from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Mass included

10th Grade Retreat – Saturday, February 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Mass included

10th Grade Zoom Confirmation Workshop – Sunday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Christian Service Opportunities

Each candidate will be asked to participate in two parish sponsored Christian Service Project and one community wide. Each candidate will be required to complete a service sheet.

St. Vincent de Paul Walk – Sunday, October 18th at 1:00 p.m. – Meeting in Church Parking Lot

Holy Name Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 30th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at School Lot

Rose's Bounty Food Pantry – Monthly Opportunities

Catholic Charities Thanksgiving – Friday, November 20th at 5:00 p.m. – More Details to Follow

Christmas in the City – Wrappers and Shoppers – More Details to Follow

Adult Ministry Opportunities:

Faith Formation Team - We need adults and young people willing to accompany our young people in Faith Formation as facilitators - small group leaders – Zoom Monitors - tech coordinator - Sanitizing. *THE BIGGEST NEED RIGHT NOW IS 2ND PERSON ZOOM ADULT.* We will train you!

We need a group of adult leaders that are willing to be a "**Ministry of Presence Team**" at all of our Junior High and High School events. It can't be just one adult at events and meetings. It is so amazing to work with young people. You will realize shortly - what a gift that will be for you. There is a stat that says that young people that are staying part of the Church are ones that have at least five faithful and faith-filled adults. '

Youth Ministry Advisory Board - This is a group of adults and young people that will help us to vision into the future. It is not a working board per-say but it will help us look into the future. The Board will by no means replace the Council and the board's leadership. It will meet monthly.

Mission Trip Leadership Team - Our Youth Service Project Council has made the difficult decision to hold off on the mission trip until school gets out in June. We are very disappointed that we cannot offer a trip either for the February or April Vacation but there are too many unknowns and uncertainties. With that in mind - we think it is extremely important to put together a leadership team for the mission trip. There are a variety of roles (Advertisement - Fundraising - Travel - Day off Opportunities - Works-Sites - Meals).

Please contact Jim Flanagan for more information!