

Holy Name Catholic Church
Sheridan, WY

CONFIRMATION HANDBOOK

2021-2022



“From the mystery of Easter, that is, from the open Heart of the crucified and glorious Redeemer, the action of grace- chiefly through the celebration of the sacraments- flows throughout history down to our own day and, through us, reaches future generations, embracing everyone in that extraordinary promise of Jesus: ‘Behold, I am with you until the end of the age.’ The Sacrament of Confirmation is, par excellence, the ‘place’ of Christian maturity. The gift of the Holy Spirit, Who in Baptism made us children of God and brothers of Jesus, now makes us qualified witnesses to the world. God confirms His gift, and we confirm our “yes.” From discipleship to the apostolate: this is the way of Christian maturity, the path of sanctity.”

-Jose Cardinal Saraiva Martines, Vatican City, Nov. 24th, 2004

Dear Parents & Confirmation Candidates,

Welcome to your Confirmation years! The Sacrament of Confirmation completes the initiation into the Catholic Church, building on what was begun at Baptism and nourished in the Holy Eucharist. At Confirmation, each candidate will renew those baptismal promises. We are delighted that you and your child will be part of our program this year and we look forward to working with you to make this year a meaningful one.

We understand that you and your family have many work, school and social commitments. This is a sacramental preparation program which is required to be eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and attendance is key/mandatory. We encourage you and your child to have a conversation regarding the commitment and potential sacrifices which you will need to make to accomplish this. Like you, I am a parent of a Confirmation candidate. So, I share in your enthusiasm in having your children grow in the commitment to their Catholic faith during the Confirmation process. While our Holy Name catechists are committed and ready to make this happen for your child, you and your family remain the principle role models for the candidates and your active participation in that role is essential. Regularly attending Mass each week and receiving the sacraments are things you can do to help the candidate understand the importance of this sacrament. This is also a year for the candidates to look outside of themselves and participate in service to his/her faith community.

We hope this handbook will be informative for you as the year progresses. Should you have any questions during the year please feel free to contact me.

Christ's Peace to you and your family,

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CONFIRMATION POLICY

Holy Name Catholic Church - Sheridan, Wyoming

Confirmation is a community's sacramental celebration of an individual's mature and personal affirmation of the gift of Faith, which continues the work of the Spirit begun in Baptism. The parish celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated annually at Holy Name.



AGE REQUIREMENTS:

Holy Name's Confirmation program is 2 years. To enroll in the 1st year class the candidate must be in at least the 6th grade. To enroll in the 2nd year class the candidate must have completed the 1st year class AND be in at least the 7th grade. Confirmation typically takes place in the spring of the 2nd year.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Each candidate needs to show a willingness to receive the Sacrament. It is important for the students and parents to be at every class. Students are expected to be at all classes and retreats unless they are sick, or a family emergency arises. If the student is going to miss a class, they must notify the teacher or the Director of Faith Formation before class time. Make-up work will be assigned for any missed class time and it will be due the following class meeting. While we heavily encourage everyone to participate in the in-person classes we do offer an online option for classes. The in-person retreats are required.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Each 1st and 2nd year candidate will be expected to serve at least (2) youth Masses-Sunday at 5:00pm on your choice of the following dates:

September 26 th	January 30 th
October 31 st	February 27 th
November 21 st	March 20 th
December 19 th	May 22 nd

Please contact the Youth Mass Director (Julie Garber) for the Mass services you prefer. Available options include ushering, altar serving, lecturing, gift bearers and youth choir. Make sure that you complete your Mass Service Form (found on page 10) and have the Julie Garber sign it.

AND

2. Each 1st and 2nd year candidate will be expected to serve at least (2) of the following opportunities:
 - ✚ June – Vacation Bible School
 - ✚ August – Parish Picnic

- ✚ September – Help with Family Community Event on 21st.
- ✚ November – Making cards and crafts for the homebound.
- ✚ December – Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day
- ✚ January – Parish Feast Day
- ✚ March – Help Knights of Columbus with Fish Fry.
- ✚ Throughout year – help with childcare for any CCW or FF functions.

After fulfilling a service opportunity you will need to fill out a reflection sheet (found on page 9). If you need additional forms, you can make copies or they can be printed from our parish website at: www.holynamesheridan.org. All service forms are to be turned in on or before March 1, 2022.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES:

Diocesan and parish guidelines for Confirmation require that the candidates participate in a retreat. These retreats are seen as an integral part of the candidate's preparation. It is expected that all candidates for Confirmation will attend the Holy Name Confirmation Retreats as follows:

1ST YEAR CONFIRMATION RETREAT: Sunday, February 13th, 10 am – 3 pm.

2ND YEAR CONFIRMATION RETREATS: Sunday, November 14th, 10 am – 3 pm. **AND**
Sunday, March 13th, 11am – 6pm (Evening Mass required)

Those 2nd year students who would like to attend the *optional Wyoming Catholic Youth Retreat in Casper on February 18th-20th*. Please contact the Director of Faith Formation the beginning of January for more details.


CURRICULUM:

- ✚ **1ST YEAR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Alpha Youth & T3: Teen Timeline**
Alpha Youth is a video based series, that guides the students through the bigger questions; who is God, why do we believe in Him, what does it matter. Through engaging short talks and plenty of small group discussion time, this program helps get the students thinking about God in a deeper way.

T3: Teen Timeline is the youth version of the Great Adventure Bible Study, that teaches teens the Bible by showing them the “big picture” of salvation history.

- ✚ **1ST YEAR CONFIRMATION PARENTS: Alpha & Symbolon**
Alpha is a video based series for adults, that guides the participant through the bigger questions, who is God, why do we believe in Him, what does it matter. Through engaging short talks and plenty of small group discussion time, this program helps get the participants thinking about God in a deeper way.

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained is a systematic presentation of our Catholic Faith. It will lead you through the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith using our Creed as a guide.

 **2ND YEAR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Chosen: Your Journey Towards Confirmation**
Chosen dives into the Sacraments and how everything learned in the 1st year comes into fulfillment in the Catholic Church.

SPONSOR INFORMATION:

Students in the 2nd year class need to choose a confirmation sponsor. “It is the role of the sponsor to represent the faith community.” (Canon 893) The confirmation sponsor helps guide their candidate through the process. They should be available to pray with, ask questions of, and be a support during this time and for the rest of their lives. *Please turn in the completed Sponsor Form found on page 6. (Due Nov 1, 2021)

To be a sponsor one must:

1. Be over the age of 16 years and actively involved in their parish and faith life.
2. Must not be the mother or father of the candidate.
3. Must be a fully initiated Catholic having received Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. If married, they must be married in the Church.
4. Sponsors who are members of parishes outside of Holy Name and her missions must submit a letter of good standing from their home parish.

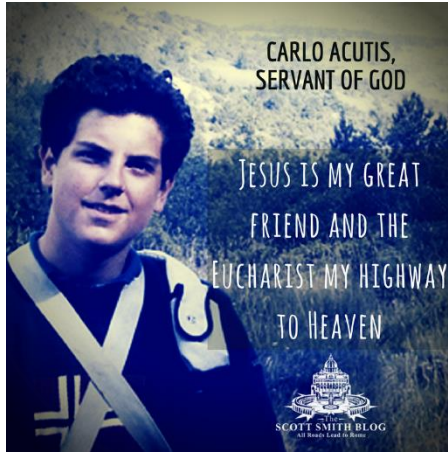
BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE:

Each candidate is required to submit a copy of their baptismal certificate. Information from the baptismal certificate will be recorded. You may obtain a copy of the certificate by calling the parish where your baptism took place and they will send one to you. Or, if you were baptized at Holy Name, please provide us with the date of baptism. (Due Nov 1, 2021)

CONFIRMATION SAINT NAME:

Students in the 2nd year class need to select a Confirmation name (Saint) using the form found on page 7. (Due by March 13th, 2022)

- Candidates may use their baptismal name, another Christian name, or derivatives of names (Kelly for Catherine; Jenna for Genevieve, etc.) for the Sacrament of Confirmation. A Christian name would be the name of a saint or blessed.
- Most importantly, candidates are to learn about their patron saint as part of their preparation for the sacrament and should particularly focus on the virtues of their patron they wish to emulate.



Witness of Sponsor

(Please return by November 1, 2021)

Sponsor's Name _____

Address _____
Mailing address City State Zip

Sponsor sacramental information:

Baptism _____
Parish & City Date

Confirmation _____
Parish & City Date

Current Parish _____
Name City State

Candidate Information:

Name: _____

Sponsor's Relationship to Candidate _____
Godparent – Friend – Sibling, etc.

Sponsor's duties: The sponsor is a Spiritual Companion to the Candidate who walks with, shares faith, and calls the young person to growth. The sponsor continues to encourage and help the Candidate grow in wisdom, awe, wonder, reverence, knowledge, courage, understanding, and right judgment.

Requirements: It is required that the Sponsor be mature, at least 16 years of age, a practicing Catholic, and one who has already received all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

I fulfill the above Church requirements and will make a sincere effort to be a quality Spiritual Companion to the Candidate.

Return To:
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Director of Faith Formation
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Sheridan, WY 82801

Signature and Date

My Confirmation Name

Please PRINT your full name:

First

Last

Middle

Selecting a Confirmation Name (Due by March 20, 2022)

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- Most importantly, candidates are to learn about their patron saint as part of their preparation for the sacrament and should particularly focus on the virtues of their patron they wish to emulate.

Check one of the following:

I choose to be confirmed using my baptismal name – St. _____

OR

I would like to choose a Confirmation name

Print name – St. _____

I have chosen the name listed above because:

Sacramental Years Checklist

1ST YEAR CONFIRMATION CHECKLIST

____ 1st Year Confirmation Retreat Feb. 13th, 2022 10am-3pm.

____ Service hours/reflection forms due May 15th, 2022.

2ND YEAR CONFIRMATION CHECKLIST

____ Confirmation Sponsor Form Nov 1st, 2021.

____ Copy of Baptismal Certificate due Nov 1st, 2021.

____ Mandatory Confirmation Retreat November 14th, 2021 10am-3pm.

____ Mandatory Confirmation Retreat March 20th, 2022 11am-6pm. (5pm Youth Mass part of retreat)

____ Confirmation Saint Name Form due March 20th, 2022.

____ Service hours/reflection forms due March 20th, 2022

____ Confirmation Mass Rehearsal TBD

____ Confirmation Mass TBD

Please see the Confirmation Handbook for more details. The handbook can be printed off of the church website, if additional copies are needed. www.holynamesheridan.org

Please note: We ask you to please dress in appropriate attire for the Confirmation Mass. Young ladies should wear no heels higher than 2 inches, skirts/dresses should be at a length of right above the knee or longer, and no tank topped shirts/dresses. Young men, please wear suits or dress pants with collared shirt and nice shoes.

There will be a reception immediately following the Confirmation Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

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Confirmation Service Form

Candidate's Name: _____

Community Service Activity: _____

Community Service Coordinator: _____

Coordinator's Signature: _____

Explanation of Activity: _____

Service Reflection:

How was this service a use of my gifts and talents? How did I feel doing this service? How did person(s) I help benefit from my service? Is this an area I would like to continue?

Youth Mass Service Form

Candidate's Name: _____

Liturgical Ministry: _____

Liturgical Minister's Name: _____

Liturgical Minister's Signature: _____

Explanation of Activity: _____

Youth Mass Reflection:

How was this service a use of my gifts and talents? How did I feel doing this service? How did my fellow parishioners benefit from my involvement? Is this an area I would like to continue?