

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. LOUIS
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Confirmation Policy

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "...by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed" (CCC 1285). Thus we have set forth certain policies to ensure our candidates are striving to be true witnesses of Christ and are thus ready to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. The candidates for Confirmation will be required to fulfill the following:

- All Confirmation candidates must attend Mass every Sunday. If they attend Mass outside of St. Joseph or St. Louis, they must turn in a signed bulletin from the Church they attended. A signature from the pastor or deacon would suffice. Due to the corona virus, you may also consider attending a weekday Mass as your Sunday obligation. This is in order to allow for greater social distance as there are usually less in attendance at weekday Masses.
- All Confirmation classes that are missed must be made up. The candidate must contact the Confirmation coordinator in order to set up a day to make up the class. If the class is not made up, the candidate may not confirm that year.
- All candidates must fulfill their service and spiritual hours by the due date given.
- All candidates must turn in the forms and certificates required in a timely manner.
- All candidates must attend the designated Confirmation retreat. If there is a schedule conflict or matter of concern, the candidate may attend any out of parish Confirmation retreat.
- If a candidate decides to attend an out of Parish Confirmation retreat, the retreat form must be turned in as proof of attendance no later than December 3. If a candidate fails to attend a retreat, they will not be able to confirm that year.
- A Confirmation Request letter must be given to the pastor stating their reasons why they wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. This is due prior to Confirmation and will help evaluate the candidate's preparedness for the sacrament.

Failure to comply with this Confirmation policy will result in the dismissal of that candidate, who will not be eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation that year.