



Sacramental Registration Form

2020-2021



1st Reconciliation - 1st Holy Communion - Confirmation

Is your family currently registered at St. Thomas? YES NO
If YES, what Mass do you regularly attend? Sat 5PM Sun 8AM Sun 10:00AM
If NO, what parish are you registered at? _____
What day and time do you regularly attend Mass? _____

Father/Guardian

First: _____ Last: _____ MI: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mother/Guardian

First: _____ Maiden: _____ MI: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____

1st Reconciliation / 1st Holy Communion Candidate

Name - As it appears on their Baptismal Certificate

First: _____ Last: _____ Middle: _____
Place of Birth (City, State): _____ Gender: Male Female
Place of Baptism (Church, City, State): _____
Date of Baptism: _____
School: _____ Grade: _____

NOTES: Please include a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate. A signed copy of the attached Parent Covenant page is required along with your child's Baptismal Certificate before your registration process is complete.

Confirmation Candidate

Name - As it appears on their Baptismal Certificate

First: _____ Last: _____ Middle: _____
Place of Birth (City, State): _____ Gender: Male Female
Place of Baptism (Church, City, State): _____
Date of Baptism: _____
Place of 1st Holy Communion (Church, City, State): _____
Date of 1st Holy Communion: _____
School: _____ Grade: _____

NOTES: Please include a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate. Ask the church of record to include notations for your child's 1st Holy Communion. Signed copies of the attached Parent Covenant page and Selection of Confirmation Sponsors page are required along with the completed Certificate of Eligibility form and your child's Baptismal Certificate before your registration process is complete.

For 1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion, and Confirmation, this form and all required documents are due by November 10th. Please see NOTES under Candidate information for additional requirements.

Sacramental Prep Parent Covenant

with St. Thomas Catholic Church, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Recognizing that my involvement as a parent/guardian is of special importance in helping to prepare my child to receive the sacraments, I promise...

- To see that my child attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and to accompany my child to Mass.
- To be a model disciple by participating in Purposefully Catholic events as a family.
- To be a model disciple by participating in family Discipleship Opportunities, and ensuring my child participates in Discipleship Opportunities that are specific to the children and youth.
- To pray with and for my child during their time of preparation and participate in events where the community will be invited to pray for my child.

Specific to 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion

- To attend monthly sacramental prep gathering on the 4th Sunday of the month with my child.
- To participate in meetings that are specific to parents.
- To attend the First Reconciliation Retreat on **February 6th** and the First Holy Communion Retreat on **April 17th** with my child.
- To utilize my portfolio to fulfill family Discipleship Opportunities and ensure my child has proper reflection and ownership of the Discipleship opportunities

Specific to Confirmation

- To see that my child attends youth group on Thursday nights and follow up with my child at home about topics covered at youth group.
- To see that my child participates in the 5-session Confirmation course and Confirmation retreat.
- To visit the Sacrament of Reconciliation with my child during their time of preparation.
- To participate in meetings that are specific to parents and/or sponsors.
- To ensure that the sponsor chosen for my child will be a model witness to the Catholic faith, actively lives out and upholds the teachings of the Catholic Church, and meets all the requirements as listed on the attached Selection of Confirmation Sponsors form.

I understand that failure to uphold my promises will result in my child needing to delay receiving the applicable sacrament until the following year.

Father/Guardian

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mother/Guardian

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

For Confirmation Only: I, as a Confirmation Candidate, understand the responsibilities outlined above, and along with my parents/guardians, promise to uphold these commitments.

Confirmation Candidate

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

I, Fr. John Mosier, Pastor of Thomas Parish, along with **<NAME>**, **<TITLE>**, pledge our support and share in faith and prayer with you during this time of preparation.

Pastor _____

<TITLE>: _____

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Schedule and Expectations for:

1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion

I. Be Receptive

The Sacraments of Initiation (including the Eucharist) and Healing (including Reconciliation) lay the foundation for a Christian life. Sacraments are not about what the person receiving the sacrament does. Rather, it is about what God is doing. Through the sacraments, God shares Himself with us and we are drawn into His divine life. Because it is God at work in the sacraments, sharing Himself with us, it is up to us to simply receive with humility and thanksgiving what God is offering. The requirements for reception of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are intended to invite each child and their family onto a journey in which they open their hearts to the Lord and prepare to receive the grace God desires to pour out in the sacraments.

“Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ increases the communicant’s union with the Lord... Since receiving this sacrament strengthens the bonds of charity between the communicant and Christ, it also reinforces the unity of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ.”

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 1416

II. Be Purposeful

We invite each child and their family to approach their journey towards First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in hopeful anticipation, trusting that the Lord has called them and is waiting to encounter them in the sacrament. Each step of their journey is an intentional movement and cooperation with the Lord as they prepare their hearts to receive the grace of the Holy Spirit in the sacraments.

“Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.”

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 1817

III. Be a Blessing

The reception of the Eucharist preserves, increases and renews the graces received at Baptism, therefore strengthening the unity among the member of Christ’s Church. Those who have received Baptism and the Eucharist are endowed with the grace to share their faith with others.

“Participation in the Holy Sacrifice identifies us with his Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints.”

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 1419

Parent and Child Participation – Parents and children are required to participate in Purposefully Catholic events, as well as the monthly Family Formation gatherings. Sacramental Prep families will stay an additional 15 minutes after the monthly Family Formation gatherings. See the Purposefully Catholic Registration Form packet for a detailed schedule of event dates.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Course – The First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Course will happen the second half of the monthly Family Formation gatherings. Support material and a portfolio will be provided, as well as guidance on participating with them.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Retreats – Retreats for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are required.

- First Reconciliation Retreat: **February 6th, 2021, 9AM-Noon**
- First Holy Communion Retreat: **April 17th, 2021, 9AM-Noon**

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Dates

- First Reconciliation: **February 13th, 2021, Time TBD**
- First Holy Communion: **May 2nd, 2021, Time TBD**

Confession before receiving First Holy Communion – As part of preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Communion, children will be required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation within a 20-day period prior to receiving First Holy Communion.

Schedule and Expectations for:

Confirmation

I. Be Receptive

The Sacrament of Confirmation, like the other sacraments, is not about what the person receiving the sacrament does. Rather, it is about what God is doing. Through the sacraments, God shares Himself with us and we are drawn into His divine life. Because it is God at work in the sacraments, sharing Himself with us, it is up to us to simply receive with humility and thanksgiving what God is offering. The requirements for Confirmation preparation are intended to invite each candidate onto a journey in which they open their hearts to the Lord and prepare to receive the grace God desires to pour out in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

“The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. The visible rites by which the sacraments are celebrated signify and make present the graces proper to each sacrament. They bear fruit in those who receive them with the required dispositions.”

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 1311

II. Be Purposeful

We invite each candidate to approach their journey towards Confirmation in hopeful anticipation, trusting that the Lord has called them and is waiting to encounter them in the sacrament. Each step of their journey is an intentional movement and cooperation with the Lord as they prepare their hearts to receive the grace of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

“Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.”

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 1817

III. Be a Blessing

Through receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, the graces of Baptism are completed, and the soul is imprinted with an indelible spiritual mark. Those who have received Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist have been fully initiated into Christ and are called to share their faith with others.

“Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds.”

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 1316

Parent and Candidate Participation – Parents and youth are required to participate in Purposefully Catholic events. Confirmation Candidates are required to participate in Thursday Youth Groups. See the Purposefully Catholic Registration Form packet for a detailed schedule of event dates.

Parent Meeting – A parent meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19th, to discuss the Sacrament of Confirmation and inform parents of their role during the preparation process. If the Candidate’s sponsors live in the immediate area, they are welcome to come to this, but are not required to.

Confirmation Course – The Confirmation Course consists of 5 gatherings that will begin on January 17th 2021, and will meet every other Sunday at Pope St. Pius X from 4-6pm. A simple meal will be provided as our group meets to discuss the Sacrament of Confirmation. The dates for the Confirmation Course are:

- January 17th
- January 31st
- February 14th
- February 28th
- March 14th

Confirmation Retreat – A retreat for Confirmation is required. The required retreat will be the Catholic Youth Conference in Spokane, WA, held at the end of February 2021. If the conference is cancelled due to COVID, a day retreat will be scheduled in its place.

Confirmation Date – The date is set by the Diocese and is typically announced sometime in late February or early March. The date is usually sometime between Easter and Pentecost. Families will be informed as soon as the date is announced by the Diocese.

Confession before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation – As part of preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Candidates will be required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation within a 20-day period prior to Confirmation.

Selection of Confirmation Sponsors

Parents/Guardians and Candidates, please take time as a family to prayerfully discern a key person in the life of the Candidate who serves as a good role model and meets the following requirements for sponsors:

- Sponsors for Confirmation must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church via the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. The full initiation of the sponsor is to be verified via the proposed sponsor providing a recently issued "Baptismal Certificate with Notations."
- The selection of sponsors is to be based on appropriate lifestyle, participation in the Catholic faith, and the ability to provide the nurturing, supportive role expected of a sponsor. The sponsor may be male or female and must be confirmed.
- The sponsor is to be at least 16 years of age and sufficiently mature for the role.
- It is recommended (but not required) that one of the Baptismal sponsors (godparents) serve as the Confirmation sponsor, so as to emphasize the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation. (Canon 893, #2)
- Sponsors should be a person in the life of the Candidate who can assist them to know their faith, be available to discuss the faith with their Candidate, and help answer questions their Candidates may ask.
- As witness to the public and permanent relationship sponsors enter into with the Candidate, it is recommended that sponsors participate in the preparation process with their Candidate in some way and be available to attend meetings for the sponsors. To facilitate this recommendation, it is helpful if the sponsor is a local resident.
- The sponsor must be free to celebrate the sacraments, including reception of the Eucharist.
- The sponsor must be a practicing Catholic. This includes living in a sacramental marriage (if the sponsor is married), and actively participating in parish life.
- It is generally not advisable for a parent, spouse, fiancé(e), boyfriend, or girlfriend to serve as sponsor.
- If the sponsor is unable to participate in the celebration of the Confirmation Mass, a proxy may be designated. The proxy must fulfill the same requirements as the sponsor. The absence of the sponsor during the celebration of Confirmation does not invalidate the sacrament. (See CIC, c. 892)
- Sponsors will need to turn in the following documents in order to be eligible:
 - Certificate of Eligibility completed by both the sponsor and their current parish (attached)
 - A recently issued "Baptismal Certificate with Notations"
 - Letter of Good Standing from the sponsor's pastor stating that the sponsor attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and is in good standing with the Church. (Not required if the sponsor is a parishioner at Pope St. Pius X in Coeur d'Alene)

I understand the sponsor requirements stated above and will ensure the sponsor chosen for my child submits the required documents in a timely manner and in accord with the Confirmation preparation process.

Father/Guardian

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mother/Guardian

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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