

Confirmation and Beyond
Adult Confirmation Sacramental Preparation
2021-2022



“Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit”

You have expressed interest in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Stephen. We welcome you. May the Lord guide you and give you peace and wisdom during this process.

Confirmation

The Adult Confirmation process is a wonderful interactive opportunity for Catholics who have not had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Confirmation to complete their full initiation into the Catholic Church. Sessions are weekly, on Sunday morning's beginning in the fall. The Confirmation celebration takes place annually and is arranged in accordance with the Bishop's calendar.

Requirements for Adult Confirmation Preparation

Candidates for this Sacrament should:

- Be a registered parishioner
- Be a baptized Catholic providing a **current** baptismal certificate
- Have made their First Communion and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- If married, marriage recognized by the Church. For example, repeated vows in the presence of a Catholic priest or deacon, or received a dispensation.
- Attend Sunday Mass on a regular basis
- Have a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Adult Confirmation Classes begin Sunday, October 3, 2021

**In person classes will begin on Sunday Morning at the Family Life Center in Rooms 10 & 11,
10:45 am – 12:00 pm on the following dates listed below.**

In Person Classes

October 3, 2021

October 10, 2021

November 7, 2021

November 14, 2021

December 5, 2021

December 12, 2021

Events:

Rehearsal – t/b/d

Confirmation – t/b/d

The Community of St. Stephen welcomes you!

Things you should know

Adult Confirmation Fee: There is a **\$25.00 registration fee** to cover books and other materials and also retreat fee at the time of registration.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: All Confirmation Candidates are required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Confirmation Celebration along with Youth on _____ in the church.

Baptism Certificates: Baptism is necessary before one can receive any other sacrament. Every Confirmation Candidate should know the Church in which they were baptized. All church records are kept at the church of Baptism. **All Confirmation Candidates who were not baptized at St. Stephen must submit a CURRENT dated Certificate of Baptism with notations from the church of their baptism by at the time of registration.**

Saint Name (Confirmation Name): A name identifies us and tells others who we are. Confirmation Candidates are asked to check into reasons for their baptismal name if they are not already aware of the reason. They may choose a new name as a sign of growth in faith. One may keep the baptismal name to emphasize the fact that Confirmation is a sealing of the Baptismal Commitment. **Please submit Saint Name Research Form by November, 2021 at class, drop off at the Faith Formation Office or scan to Rosie@ststephencatholic.org.**

Confirmation Sponsor

The Sponsor for Confirmation requirement are:

- Be a fully initiated Catholic; has received Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.
- If married, has been married in the Catholic Church
- Must be 16 years of age
- Provide a letter/form from their parish stating their active status
- If St. Stephen parish member complete Godparent/Sponsor Eligibility Form from the Parish Office.

Attire for day of Confirmation

Men:

Men dress shirt
Dress slacks
Tie (Jacket if desired)

Women:

Dress (not casual) (appropriate in length)
No low cut blouses or dresses
No sneakers or jeans
Please dress respectfully

Sponsors:

The sponsors should also be appropriately dressed, since in their role they are an official representative of the Church. Men should wear Dress Shirt/Tie and Jacket. Women should wear a skirt or dress of appropriate length or a dress pants suit.

Email: We ask that you **please check your email each week prior to class.** Updates or reminders will be sent to you weekly. If you email changes throughout the Program, please let us know as soon as possible.

Adult Confirmation Program

St. Stephen Catholic Church

2021-2022

Office of Faith Formation
10428 St. Stephen Circle
Riverview, Florida 33569

For Office Use Only

Reg. Fee **\$25.00**

Paid _____

Ck# _____

Cash _____

Parish Env. # _____

Name: _____
First Middle Last Maiden

(As it will appear on Confirmation Certificate)

Address: _____
Street City Zip

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Gender: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Phone: _____
First Last Maiden

Father's Name: _____ Phone: _____

First

Last

Date

Place of Baptism (Church name and complete address)

Yes / No Baptism ___/___/___

*Please contact your parish of baptism for a **(current baptism with notations)** certificate.*

*If military baptism, what is the military number? _____

Yes / No 1st Eucharist ___/___/___
Church Name City State

Yes / No I have special needs. If yes, describe here _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

(A Sponsor must be at least 16 years of age and a practicing Catholic who has already been confirmed. A Sponsor Verification Form is required).

Confirmation Saint Name: _____

Are you registered at St. Stephen? _____ If so, Env. # _____

Are you registered at another Parish? If so, where? _____

Letter of Permission is required

In case of an Emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Candidate Consent

I understand that in this program, administered by the parish Faith Formation Office, Christianity is presented according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

I agree to attend the formation sessions regularly and to meet all other guidelines in order to prepare for this sacrament.

I give permission to be photographed or videotaped for use in Church and Faith Formation publications and/or use by the general news media for print or broadcast purposes, and/or for use on St. Stephen's Web and Bulletin pages.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Please answer the questions on the back, if applicable)

Adult Confirmation Program

CURRENT MARITAL STATUS

Check the appropriate statement(s) below and provide any information requested beneath each statement.
Check appropriate box below:

- Never Married - **If single and never married**
- Presently Engaged for the first time –
Name of Fiance'/ee's _____
Does your Fiance'/ee's have a previous marriage? Y ____ N ____
- Married Only Once (presently married to): _____
- Widow
- Presently Separated
- Divorced and Not Remarried **
- Divorced and Remarried **

**** If you, your spouse or your fiancé have been previously married please make an appointment with Denise Moyer, by contacting the Parish Office at 689-4900.**

Present Spouse:

Spouse's name: _____

Does your spouse have a previous marriage/marriages? YES ** ____ NO ____ ** See above

Is your present spouse Catholic? YES * ____ NO ____ *If yes, copy of Baptismal Certificate is needed.

Has your spouse ever been baptized? YES * ____ NO ____ *If yes, need Baptismal Certificate

Name and location of marriage: _____ (Marriage Certificate needed)

Name and denomination of Church: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

List the name(s) of any children or other dependents (e.g., Daughter—Jane; Stepson—John).

Relationship: _____ Name: _____ Age: _____

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Comments: (Please use other side if needed) _____

CHOOSING YOUR SAINT FOR CONFIRMATION

ADULT CONFIRMATION

YOUR NAME: _____

Saint's Name research

Many people choose an additional name at Confirmation. It should be the name of a recognized saint of the Catholic Church. Names of saints are chosen to serve as patrons and models for those being confirmed. Candidates should choose a patron saint's name, not because of the attractiveness of the name, but because of the attractiveness of the Christian life that person led.

The Church "canonizes" Saints so we have role models who can assist us on the journey toward heaven. We can't compare our lives to theirs, for we all have different circumstances in which to grow in holiness. We can only compare ourselves to what we used to be like. Meanwhile on the road to heaven, we can pray with the saints and accept their spiritual guidance.

Saint's Name: _____

BE SURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT SPELLING! This will be on your name tag.

Feast Day:

Saint's place of birth:

Occupation:

Family background:

Circumstances of their death:

What virtues did this saint practice?

What aspects of this person's Christian life attracted you?

How is this Saint a model for Christians today?

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Faith Formation Office
10428 St. Stephen Circle, Riverview, Florida 33569-8732
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Godparent / Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility Form

Print full name of Candidate who is receiving Sacraments: _____

- ❖ Baptism of Children _____
- ❖ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults _____
- ❖ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for Youth _____
- ❖ 8th & High School Confirmation _____
- ❖ High School Confirmation _____
- ❖ **Adult Confirmation** _____

Dear Brother or Sister in Christ,

We are delighted that you have been asked to be a godparent or sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation. What an honor! You have been chosen because of the way you live and share your Catholic Faith. It will be your role to help the newly baptized or confirmed to lead a life in harmony with the Gospel. One of the most effective ways to share one's faith is through example.

St. Stephen Parish Family

Therefore, to be eligible to serve as a godparent/sponsor, you must be an active Catholic and meet the following requirements:

Please read and affirm the following by placing a check mark in each designated circle:

- I am at least 16 years of age.
- I have celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (First Communion).
- I am single
- IF PRESENTLY MARRIED:** My marriage was celebrated at _____ **Catholic Church.**
- I participate in Sunday Mass regularly.
- I understand the responsibility I am undertaking and have both the desire and intention to fulfill it faithfully.
- I am a parishioner at _____ Catholic Church, located at: _____

I affirm that I meet all the necessary requirements to act as a Godparent/Sponsor:

Signature of Godparent/Sponsor: _____ **Date:** _____

PRINT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please note: If your godparent/sponsor are members of another parish they will need a godparent/sponsor eligibility form from their parish that attests to their qualification as a godparent/sponsor. **Please note, parents of children and youth cannot serve as sponsors for their child and/or youth.**

This Section below is completed by Godparent/Sponsor Parish Only:

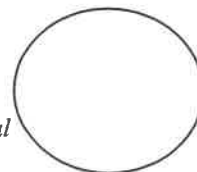
To Whom it May Concern:

We are pleased to be able to issue this testimonial letter. The individual whose name is signed above is a practicing Catholic who is a registered member of this parish at least six (6) months. To the best of our knowledge, this person is qualified to be a sponsor for anyone receiving the Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation.

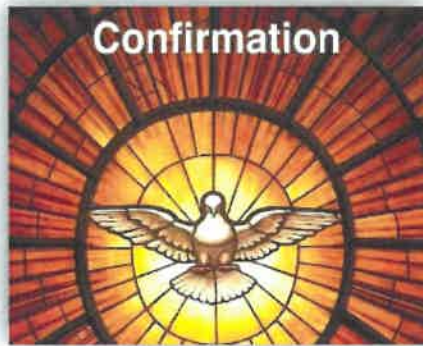
Date _____ Signed _____
Print Name & Title _____

Please return this form to the Office of Faith Formation, St. Stephen Catholic Church

Parish Seal



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Rooms 10 & 11
Family Life Center
Sunday – 10:45 am – 12:00 pm



- October 3: Introduction – Welcome!
- October 10: Session One: Sacraments and Symbols
- November 7: Session Two: Water and Baptism
- November 14: Session Three: Bread, Wine, and the Eucharist
- December 5: Session Four: Immediate Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation:
Oil, Laying on of Hands, Confirmation
- December 12: Session Five: Mystagogical Reflection on the - Celebration of the
Sacrament of Confirmation God's Mercy Revealed

Resources:

[The New American Bible](#)

Catechism: <http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/catechism/498/index.html>

[Formed.Org](#) Our Parish Code: VMZPPF

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