

**LEVEL 8 CONFIRMATION
MEETING**

August 16, 2021

Reflection: Acts 2:1-4

Let Us Pray:

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on our Confirmation candidates as they continue to listen to Your voice. As they & their families prepare to celebrate Confirmation, open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them.

May Your Spirit descend to strengthen them with the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, as true disciples & witnesses of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Help them to experience and trust the Spirit's dwelling within, so that they may count on His guidance their whole lives long.

We ask this in Your holy name, as we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven...



**CONFIRMATION DATE:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH 2021**

11:30AM Group

~ Last names AUSTIN thru MILLER ~



Reconciliation Service:

Tuesday, Sept. 28th from 6:00PM-6:30PM

Confirmation Rehearsal:

Monday Oct. 4th at 7:00PM

1:30PM Group

~ Last names MOCERI thru ZWIRBLIS ~



Reconciliation Service:

Tuesday, Sept. 28th from 6:30PM-7:00PM

Confirmation Rehearsal:

Tuesday Oct. 5th at 7:00PM

*****ANY REQUEST TO SWITCH
CEREMONIES MUST BE APPROVED BY
THE DIRECTOR BY SEPT. 15TH*****

CALL 631-737-8915

DAY OF CONFIRMATION

- ❖ As he did last year, our bishop has issued a directive that pastors are to preside at the Confirmation ceremonies in their own parishes. This practice is being continued for one more year.
- ❖ The celebration of Confirmation will take the form of a **service** with the Liturgy of the Word and conferral of the Sacrament, lasting about 45 min. In accordance with the options provided to us by the bishop, our pastor has chosen **NOT** to include celebration of the Eucharist.
- ❖ On Confirmation day, candidates should arrive at the church at least **15 min. early** and check in at the table in the church lobby. If you wish to take pictures before the ceremony, please arrive even earlier.
- ❖ A **walkthrough of the Confirmation Rite** is posted on the religious education website for candidates/sponsors who wish to review it prior to the rehearsal.

SEATING

For the celebration of Confirmation, each family does **not** receive their own pew (as they did for First Communion).

WE RESERVE SEATS ONLY FOR THE CANDIDATES & THEIR SPONSORS; ALL OTHERS WILL BE SEATED ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS.



If you have any handicap guests attending, please notify the office so that we can arrange special seating for them.

Our church is now at 100% capacity, so we will not be restricting guest attendance to any specific number.

However, since there are a number of families sharing in these celebrations together, **space will fill up quickly.** Please keep your guest list to close family members & grandparents, so everyone gets a seat.

COVID MEASURES

As of summer 2021, 100% of our church's capacity may be occupied. However, some social distancing remains in place as best as possible. We can only do our best. Keep in mind:

- *Six feet is not a magic number for protection, and we do not need to be exact.*
- *Those who do not belong to the same household/family are encouraged to try to maintain some distance, but clergy, ushers, & assistants will not act as "enforcers."*
- *People overwhelmed with fear should remain at home.*
- *Masks are no longer required but may be worn if you wish.*
- *No one will be asked their vaccination status.*
- *Any update in our parish Covid procedures will be posted on steas.org.*

If for any reason you or your family members are uncomfortable with the guidelines outlined above and you would like to postpone your child's Confirmation, this can be arranged by calling the office.

DRESS CODE

Each candidate will receive a red robe to wear at the Confirmation Mass. Robes will be distributed at the Reconciliation service the week prior to Confirmation, and are yours to keep after the ceremony.

This week, we will send you the link to a Google Doc where you can add your child's height measurement. **PLEASE DO SO BY AUGUST 31ST AT THE LATEST**, so that we can order robes in the correct sizes.

Beneath the Confirmation robe, candidates should wear a church-appropriate outfit. Similarly, the sponsor's attire should be suitable for the occasion. Some suggestions:

LADIES:

Dress, or blouse with skirt/dress pants.

Heels or flats are fine (we recommend flats to avoid tripping on robe)

Hair should be worn pulled back from forehead for the anointing.



GENTLEMEN:

Dress shirt, tie, & slacks (sport coat or suit if desired).

Dark colored dress shoes.

Sneakers/jeans are never permitted.

PICTURES



Personal pictures/video are STRICTLY PROHIBITED during the Confirmation ceremony, in order to help us maintain appropriate dignity and reverence during the Sacrament. Please make your guests aware of this policy!

We have engaged the services of a professional videographer to capture the entirety of each ceremony in a discrete fashion. After the Confirmation day, each family will receive access to a digital copy of the video, which can be downloaded, streamed on any device, and shared with family members.

Keep in mind there will also be plenty of opportunity for personal photos before & after the Confirmations. Families are encouraged to pose for photos on the altar & church grounds.

NOTIFYING SCHOOLS

Since the Confirmations will be taking place on a school day, we will send a list of candidates to the local schools, asking them to give the children an excused absence for religious observance.

We have done this every year without issue.



Dawnwood MS

Lynwood MS

Sagamore MS

Samoset MS

Selden MS

Seneca MS



*****If your child's school is not listed above, please send us a quick email to let us know*****

MISSING PAPERWORK

Thank you to everyone who has submitted all their Confirmation paperwork! This year's class did an exceptionally good job with the saint reports & letters to the pastor.
Thanks for all your hard work.

Candidates who have not submitted all of their paperwork
need to do so ASAP:

- Sponsor form
- Saint report
- Letter to the pastor
- Record of 6 hrs. community service
(due by **Sept. 1st** at the latest)

Guidelines & forms may be found in the Level 7 Confirmation packet on steas.org/faith-formation.
If there are any unusual circumstances affecting your child's ability to complete the assignments, please contact us right away.

TO WRAP UP...

....Questions?

We will continue to be in touch.

Reach out if you need us!



Thank you for your cooperation & support!

We look forward to celebrating a joyful

Confirmation day with you this Fall!!