

Confirmation Preparation

Calendar 2020-2021

Oct. 18	Confirmation Parent/Teen Mtg	12:15 (After 11am Mass)	-Baptismal Certificate due @ Parent & Teen Meeting -*NEW* Student Essay (Due Oct. 25) -*NEW* Parent Essay (Due Oct. 25) -Letter of Intent (Due Session 4). -Reflect and write about a parish ministry you want to be involved with and why. (Due Session 2) - Sponsor forms (Due by Dec 13) - Saint Paper: Write a 2-page reflection about your patron Saint or favorite saint. (Due Session 3). -Must participate in Winter Watch (Feb or March TBD) -Participate in food packing and distribution for Food Pantry (end of January 24/25)
Nov. 1	Session 1	12 to 3	
Nov 22	Retreat	11 to 7pm	
Dec 13	Session 2	12 to 3	
Jan 17	Session 3	12 to 3	
Feb 21	Session 4	12 to 3	
TBD	Regional Event	6pm-9pm	

All sessions will begin with the 11am Mass followed by lunch

-General Expectations— Actively involved in the sacramental life of the Church.

-Christian Formation—Enrollment & attendance in weekly Christian Formation/LifeTeen is mandatory. Missing more than 30% of CF nights, we ask you to wait for the sacrament.

-Student Essay ***NEW***- The essay's purpose is to help the Confirmation team get a better sense of where the candidate is starting this part of the faith journey.

-Parent Essay ***NEW***- The purpose of this essay is to help the Confirmation team get a better sense as to where your intentions for this sacrament meet those of your child's.

-Letter-Candidates write a letter to the pastor expressing their desire to be confirmed.

-Interview—The interview is for the student who wishes to be confirmed. The interview is to facilitate a conversation between the pastor and the candidate to see if they are prepared to be confirmed. This will take place after the 4th session.

-Confirmation Classes— Classes are required preparation for the sacrament of confirmation. They will be on Sunday afternoons (see schedule). Missed classes must be made up. If two classes are missed, you must schedule a meeting with the pastor and youth minister. After reviewing your schedule and you feel like you cannot commit to being present, we ask that you wait for the sacrament.

-Retreat- NOVEMBER 22. You must attend the scheduled retreat. **The retreat is required and time should be saved immediately to guarantee participation. Work schedules, school activities, sports, and SATs, etc can be adjusted with adequate notice. Start working now to clear your calendar.**

-Sponsors— A Confirmation sponsor must be a confirmed and practicing Catholic in good standing in the Church. It cannot be a parent; however, the sponsor can be a grandparent or godparent. Candidates should select a sponsor who "is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in the sacrament." ***Sponsors must have a sponsor form on file. See additional handouts.***

-Baptism-Candidates must have been baptized and a copy of their certificate must be on file. *See new baptism certificate policy handout.*

-Confirmation Liturgy—The date & place of the celebration of the sacrament is determined by the Diocese. For 2020, Confirmation liturgies will begin on or about Feb 26 and will end on or about June 30.

-Parents— The Church recognizes you as your child's primary educator in the life of faith. Your role is pivotal as your child prepares to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. (See handout 'Preparing your son or daughter for Confirmation)

-Decision-At the end of the process, candidates will indicate whether or not they desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

-Parish Registration- Teens (families) must be a registered parishioner at a Holy Family. If not registered at Holy Family, you must submit written authorization from your pastor to participate in our sacrament prep program.