

PREPARATION OF CONFIRMATION

The program will instruct the basic teachings of the Church (as found in the Catechism), the importance of the Holy Spirit, discipleship and the Church, evangelization, and growing in faith. The next few pages detail activities the youth must do to be prepared for reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. The preparatory experiences are designed to expose and open the candidates to activities they can pursue in the future as adult members of the Church, teach them the basis for and the effects of the sacrament, and for reflection on what God is doing in their life. Completion of these activities is an indication of one's seriousness about, and readiness for, the sacrament of Confirmation.

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

(All of this will be explained in more details during our meeting in the fall)

- **MUST ATTEND CLASSES!!** To be ready to receive a sacrament, you should know what it means; classes are how you will know. You **cannot miss more than 3 classes** throughout the year.
- **CONFIRMATION HOURS:** Your teen will need to complete 30 hours combined: 10 Community Hours, 10 Church Hours & 10 Family Hours.
- **MUST ATTEND CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** We are unsure what date & where our Confirmation retreat will be taking place, but we will let you know as soon as we know. This retreat is **ONLY** for Confirmation students.
- **ATTEND RECONCILIATION:** It is highly encouraged that each candidate receives Reconciliation beforehand. We are going to take a class to have Reconciliation for Confirmation Students.
- **MUST ATTEND CANDIDATE/SPONSOR DAY:** We have a day that is required for candidates & sponsors. This day will be about a month before Confirmation Day. We will attend Mass, have lunch, have some activities, learn about the day of Confirmation & practice Confirmation. **Time & Date TBA in the future.**

- **MUST ATTEND CONFIRMATION DAY:** We will let you know when Confirmation Day is AS SOON as we know. We hope to know within the next couple of days.

Just to clarify, all of these qualifications are REQUIRED by the Archdiocese.

CHOOSING A SPONSOR

We will talk about this more in detail during our meeting.

Each child will have to choose a sponsor. Below are the requirements for that sponsor according to the Archdiocese.

From the community of believers, you will choose a sponsor who represent the love and support of the community for us:

- Be at least sixteen years old.
- Have received all the initiation sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
- Is not bound by any penalty of the Church – often concerning marriage laws
- Must not be a parent of the person being Confirmed
- Should be a person of lived faith and a role model for the candidate
- Should be able to spend time with the candidate during the preparation process
- Should be a person with whom the candidate has a comfortable and ongoing relationship

It is recommended, whenever possible, that the person who undertook the role of sponsor (godparent) at Baptism also be the sponsor for Confirmation.

CHOOSING A SAINT NAME

We will talk about this more in detail during our meeting.

One of the traditional practices in the Church at the time of Confirmation is choosing a Saint Name to inspire us on our Christian journey. Your prayerful reflection will help you determine a name.

“A candidate may choose a Confirmation name or retain a recognized saint’s name given at Baptism. In either case it is important to have a saint’s name as part of the Confirmation right. A Confirmation name is a permanent reminder which links the candidate with the way in which the mission of Jesus lives on in those special persons recognized by the Church as saints or heroic people in its history.”

Examples of ‘Popular Saints’: St. Anne, St. Cecilia, St. Mary, St. Lucy, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Joan of Arc, St. Joseph, St. Michael the Archangel

Once the candidate chooses a sponsor & saint name, they will write a one-page paper explaining why they chose both. They will get more details in the future regarding this paper & will have time to write in class.

We will let you know in the future when these will need to be turned in.

SERVICE HOURS

Each teen is required to have 30 service hours.

10 hours of CHURCH, 10 hours of COMMUNITY & 10 hours of FAMILY.

Below are examples/ideas that you can do to complete the hours.

If you do not know if certain hours count or have ideas that you are not sure of, please contact Beth Geis.

If you are wanting to get a head start on Confirmation Hours, look at the website, the login paper is attached. PLEASE grab signatures from someone indicating you have helped serve.

CHURCH HOURS

- Holy Family Church Festival (October 2nd): Contact Cheryl Borgman
- Lector, Usher, Offertory: Contact Toni Cummings
- Parents Night Out (Christmas Time):
- Help with Turtle Soup Sales in January: Contact Beth Geis
- Help with Community Caring Tree: Contact Beth Geis
- Groundwork or Help with Church Cleaning: Contact Beth Geis & we can set you up with Ellen
- Adoration: attending adoration in the church counts

If you helped out with Rummage Sale, Summer Car Show or Vacation Bible School, those can count towards Church Hours as well.

COMMUNITY HOURS

- Food Pantry Work (Batesville Ministerial Associates): 812-932-2622
- Edelweiss Hours (Greensburg, IN): 812-975-4344
- So Loved Closet (Batesville, IN): Jamie Nobbe – solovedcloset@gmail.com
- Babysit for Free of a family in need or the elderly
- Volunteer at an event given in the community or at school
- Visit the sick & elder at home or in nursing home
- Do housework, yard work, or odd jobs for the sick or elderly

FAMILY HOURS

- Helping family at home
- Babysit children in family
- Clean around the house without being asked & without pay
- Read to a younger brother/sister
- Help with a younger brother/sister's homework or school project

- Visit your grandparents & spent quality time with them
- Make a special treat for the family to enjoy, but be sure to clean up the mess

Letter to Archbishop

Each candidate will have to write a letter to the archbishop. He will use these letters in his homily the day of Confirmation. There are questions to be answered & they are to be thorough answers. More information will be out in the fall regarding this information. They will have 2-3 weeks in class to work on this letter.

Page Paper on Why They Chose Saint & Sponsor

Each candidate will have to write a page paper on "Why They Chose Saint & Sponsor". They will receive more information in detail later regarding this paper. These are two questions that will be used in their letter to the archbishop. They will have a week in class to work on this. It is important for them to understand the importance of both their Saint & Sponsor.

Additional Information Needed

In order to record your child's Confirmation properly, I will need some extra information from you based on home information & Baptism dates. We will have some papers that you will need to fill out regarding this information. We will have an option online & an option for you to fill out in paper that your child will bring home & you can return or mail back to me. There will be more details on this in the future.