

St. Charles Youth Confirmation Program

As the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is a process, we have broken down the program into two steps. Confirmation 1, the beginning process in which the candidate takes time to share and practice their faith, learn and review the teachings of our Catholic faith, and most importantly, build their relationship with Jesus Christ. Confirmation 2, the final part of process in which the candidate will be engaged in practice and discussion towards a deeper understanding of our Catholic faith. At this time, he/she has shown a desire to pursue a deeper relationship and response to Jesus Christ, understanding that Confirmation is a commitment and call to action.

In order to help the Youth Ministry team to judge the readiness of candidates, below are the requirements for each Confirmation program step:

Confirmation 1 requirements:

- Full, conscious and active participation at home, school, youth ministry & Confirmation prep:
 - Example: fulfilling responsibilities (chores, homework, attending classes, etc.)
- Attend a St. Charles Borromeo retreat and one other Catholic retreat of choice
 - Two retreats in total for Confirmation 1
- Complete monthly reflections on Confirmation videos emailed out from youth minister
- End of the year interview with Youth Minister and Confirmation prep team.
- Summer assignment; choose your Sponsor and your Saint. (Due at the beginning of Confirmation 2)
- Attend, fully engage and participate in 11:30am Sunday Mass. (Other Mass attendance times can be discussed if needed.)
 - Example of being a part of the Mass; lector, hospitality minister, join the choir/ band.

Confirmation 2 requirements:

- Full, conscious and active participation at home, school, youth ministry & Confirmation prep:
 - Examples: fulfilling responsibilities (chores, homework, attending classes, etc.)
- Attend at least one retreat, a Confirmation focused retreat must be done by Confirmation.
- Second Interview with Youth Minister and/or Pastor towards the middle of the 2nd year
- Attend, fully engage and participate in 11:30am Sunday Mass. (Other Mass attendance times can be discussed if needed.)
 - Example of being a part of the Mass; lector, hospitality minister, join the choir/ band.
- Complete three service projects, and turn in faith-filled reflections for each
 - Can be done over the course of Confirmation 1 and Confirmation 2
 - One must be done with your Sponsor
- Attend four Parish events/activities
 - Can be done over the course of Confirmation 1 and Confirmation 2
 - Examples: the Parish Mission, OnFire, Bible Study, Parish Social events, etc.

If, after reviewing the requirements, you see any potential conflicts, it is your (the candidate, supported by parent,) responsibility to express the concerns to the youth minister immediately. Issues will be addressed on a case by case basis. Thank you for understanding.


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Confirmation classes begin in September, so remember to re-register by the end of August.

Confirmation preparation classes will be Sunday mornings at **9:00am-11:00am**, twice a month.

September	23, 30	February	10, 24
October	14, 28	March	3, 17
November	4, 25	April	7, 28
December	2, 16	May	5, 19
January	13, 27		

We also call youth to be active in the parish life beyond Confirmation preparation classes. The simplest form of this would be attend High School Youth Ministry on Monday Nights. Other options that would fulfill this requirement include volunteering with faith formation, middle school youth ministry, being an altar server, youth band, etc. Being an active member of the community through consistent participation in a ministry is a necessity towards each candidate living as a disciple of God.

Confirmation retreat: As indicated as a requirement, our Confirmation retreat is scheduled for **March 8-10, 2019**. Please do mark your calendars with that date. The Confirmation retreat is an essential part of the process allowing candidates to truly devote time to God in preparation of the sacrament. This retreat focuses on the candidate's readiness towards living life as a disciple of God. Candidates are only required to attend one Confirmation retreat throughout the preparation process.

Mass. Attending Mass is not optional. Everything we do is supplemental towards what happens at Mass. Please do attend Mass as a family. If that is not possible, encourage your candidate to attend 11:30am Mass with members of our youth ministry.

Confirmation name/Saints and Sponsors

As you prepare for Confirmation, you are asked to choose a name that will indicate your awareness of how Confirmation calls you to live as a disciple of Christ. Confirmation names can be your Baptismal name, or you can find a Saint for your name. The Saints we choose for Confirmation are guides/role models for us to follow. Find a Saint that you can connect/relate to, for as you confirm your faith, you also choose the Saint name as your Confirmation name.

When choosing your Confirmation sponsor, take into consideration that you should be able to share and talk to this person about most anything. For your Confirmation sponsor will be called to walk with you and help guide you through your spiritual journey, not just for Confirmation, but throughout life. When choosing a sponsor, the sponsor must be a Confirmed practicing Catholic, for example, he/she attends and participates in weekly Sunday mass.

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Confirmation Commitment Form

Understanding Confirmation: Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which seal/confirm the baptized in unison with Christ and equip them for active participation in the worship and apostolic life of the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1285). The key to Confirmation is active participation and therefore requires commitment. Although this journey is largely about formation in the faith, it is mostly about experiencing a relationship with Jesus in the faith and living the gospel. To accomplish this we require a firm commitment from all participants to the program. Below is a summary of what is expected from each candidate.

What we expect when you join Confirmation:

- Consistent Confirmation preparation class, Mass and ministry attendance
- Fulfillment of assigned reflections and tasks (i.e: monthly family videos)
- Openness to explore and develop spirituality/faith life
- Commitment to developing a real living relationship with Christ
- Respect for self/peers/ministers/teachers
- Openness to be changed for and by Christ
- Desire to take ownership of faith and responsibilities connected to living faithfully

Candidate: By signing this form you agree to enter into the discernment process for the Sacrament of Confirmation and fulfill all program requirements. You also agree to follow rules and guidelines put in place for various events/activities throughout your Confirmation Program as outlined in the Code of Conduct(s) provided for each event and the St. Charles Borromeo Confirmation requirements.

X _____

Please Sign Name

X _____

Please Print Name

Date _____

Email: _____

Parents: By signing this form you agree to not only assist your teen in fulfilling their requirements, but to offer your support throughout the discernment process. You also agree to support all rules and guidelines put in place for various events/activities for your child.

X _____

Please Sign Name

X _____

Please Print Name

Date _____

Email _____

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**Required Baptismal Information
For Confirmation**
(Return to Youth Minister)

Please fill out this form IN FULL. You are still required to submit a baptismal certificate for your teen; however, this form helps to keep an abridged copy of all necessary information for the Confirmation process easily accessible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding. When your child (children) is (are) confirmed, we are required to send written notification to that church of baptism.

Please Print Clearly

Name of Candidate: _____

Candidate's Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Candidate's Date of Baptism: _____

Candidate's Place of Baptism:

Name of Parish _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Candidate's Baptismal Sponsor(s):

Name: _____

Name: _____

Parents:

Father's full name: _____

Mother's full name (Maiden): _____