Confirmation Information

2025-2026



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Checklist

✓	Task	Due Date	Information
	Parent Meeting	9/3 or 9/4	Choose a night that works for you. The meeting will be in the church-6:30-7:30
	Baptismal Certificate turned in (if another Parish)	10/5	Please send a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate if they were not baptized at St. Joseph's
	Choose a sponsor & submit form	10/19	Refer to the "Choosing a Sponsor" page for information
	Sponsor Approval Letter (if from another Parish)	12/7	If your sponsor is a parishioner of another church parish, they will need to submit a letter from their parish stating they are in good standing with the church
	Saint Project	TBD	Each teacher will inform students and parents of project and due date
	Complete service log	3/15	All service logs need to be submitted by this date
	Confirmation Retreat 7th-11th	4/18	All students will report to the school gym for 2:00. The retreat will end after 5:00 mass.

Choosing a Sponsor

Sponsor Requirements:

- Must be at least 16 years old
- May not be a natural or adoptive parent of the candidate
- Must be fully initiated into the Catholic faith with all three Sacraments of Initiation completed (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)
- Must be a participating Catholic
- Must be in a valid marriage if married

Things to Consider:

- Do you have a trusting relationship with this person?
- Will this person help you deepen your relationship with God?
- Is this person mature enough to guide you on this path?

***** If your child's Confirmation sponsor is from a parish other than St. Joseph's, you must provide a letter from the sponsor's home parish. The letter should be on parish letterhead, include the parish seal, and state that the sponsor is a Catholic in good standing with the Church.*****

Service Hours

Performing service is an essential part of the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. By serving others, we begin to understand our role in the community of believers-the Church. Loving God requires that we reach out to our neighbors so that we are witnesses to God's Love within us. We will offer service opportunities throughout the school year-some will be scheduled on the calendar, while others will be shared as they arise. ***St. Joseph students will continue to complete their service hours following the school's established process. ***

1. Community	2. Church	3. Family
Any "free" service you do as an individual or as a group to help out the community in which we live. Examples: *Clothing or Food drives *Work at a soup kitchen *Clean up church flower beds	Any "free" service you do as an individual or as a group to help out the Church. Examples: *Altar Serve *Greet parishioners before mass *Sing in the choir	Any "free" service helping your family that is beyond your normal chores. Family can include grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, cousins, close friends Examples: *Babysit for free *Help with yard work

Service Log

Directions: Students are required to complete **8 total service hours**. Please note that **only 2 of these hours may come from helping family members**. The remaining hours should be acts of service in the parish or wider community. Keep track of them in your service log and submit them to your teacher when all 8 hours are documented. Service logs will be distributed in class. Below is a sample entry...

Date of Service	Place of Service	Number of Hours
9/25/25	Grandma's House	1.5
Brief Description	I pulled weeds in my Grandma's garden and watered her grass.	
Supervisor Signature	*Virginia Jones*	

Saint Project

Confirmation candidates will be asked to do some research in order to choose a confirmation saint. Choosing a saint is a beautiful process. It is finding a heavenly lifelong friend that you connect with; someone who will have your back all through life. In choosing a confirmation saint, we are choosing a special friend to intercede for us in heaven and after whom we can model our lives while here on earth.

Each teacher will give the students direction on what their saint assignment will look like. Please check your GroupMe for an announcement when expectations are sent home with your child.

Ceremony Dress Code for Candidates and Sponsors

Ladies Attire:

ALL WHITE

Modest Dress-covered chest, back, and stomach; sleeves; knee-length or longer

Skirt & Blouse-covered chest, back, and stomach; sleeves; knee-length or longer

Dress pants & Blouse-covered chest, back, and stomach; sleeves

Dress shoes worn with any option.

7th & 8th grade-flats only



Gentlemen Attire:

Dark dress pants, white long sleeve button-up shirt, tie, dress shoes



The following are NOT appropriate/allowed:

- Sneakers
- Skirts or dresses above the knee
- Jeans material/Jeans
- Holes in pants
- T-Shirts
- **Exposing chest, back, or stomach**

Notes