

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
2026-2027 Preparation for Confirmation Timeline
Confirmation is Saturday, May 8, 2027 (TIME, TBA)

September 9, 2026

10th-11th Grade Youth & Parent Meeting, 7:15-8:00pm

September 2026 – April 2027 – Wednesday Faith Formation, 6:30-8:00pm. This includes two evenings for Confirmation Discernment (10/28 and 12/2) to initiate the conversation about the sacrament and what it means to discern and receive it. During this time, we will discuss Confirmation saints and sponsors, and how to prayerfully choose one of each.

September – December 2026 - **Discernment for Confirmation period** for youth and parents.

January 15, 2027 – Discernment for Confirmation deadline. If youth desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, they must contact Fr. Nate by email or phone: nbrunn@crookston.org / 218-847-1393, no later than January 15, to set up an **interview** to discuss their readiness to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Youth must bring the signed Confirmation Discernment Packet with them to their interview.

January 15, 2027 – Confirmation Registration Form due. This form includes candidate's chosen **Confirmation saint name** and **Confirmation sponsor**.

February 1, 2027 – Sponsor Packets mailed to the sponsors of our Confirmation candidates. Included in the packet is information for the sponsor on how to lead their youth through a series of guided conversations about the Faith. The sponsor is responsible for initiating at least three meetings with the candidate before Confirmation. Also included in the packet is a **Sponsor Eligibility Certificate** which the sponsor & their parish priest sign and return to Holy Rosary.

February 17, March 3, March 31, April 7, 2027 - **Confirmation Formation Sessions** during Wednesday evening Faith Formation. Youth who have signed the Confirmation Discernment Packet and scheduled their interview with Fr. Nate will attend Confirmation-specific formation during this time. Themes for each evening will include:

- 2/17 – *The Holy Spirit is Given*
- 3/3 – *The Holy Spirit Transforms*
- 3/31 – *The Holy Spirit Equips*
- 4/7 – *The Holy Spirit Sends*

April 1, 2027 – Saint Project and Letter to Bishop Cozzens due

Youth desiring to receive the sacrament of Confirmation must complete a project about their chosen Confirmation saint and a letter to Bishop Cozzens requesting to receive the sacrament of Confirmation (details about each are in separate documents).

April 3, 2027 – Confirmation Youth Retreat for 10th & 11th graders who've discerned Confirmation and who haven't completed their retreat requirement. Those who have completed their retreat requirement do not need to but are welcome to attend. This retreat will be held at Holy Rosary (TIME TBA).

May 8, 2027 – Candidate & Sponsor Retreat and Rehearsal at Holy Rosary, 10:00am – 12:00pm

May 8, 2027 – Confirmation Mass at Holy Rosary (TIME TBA). A light reception will follow in Living Room & Welcoming Center.

*By signing and turning in the Confirmation Discernment Packet, the student and parents agree to the requirements including turning in all documents, projects, and requirements by their respective due dates. **If these are not completed on time, the student will not be eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on May 8, 2027.** This does not disqualify them from receiving the sacrament altogether but does negate their eligibility to be confirmed on May 8, 2027. Please know that it is okay if the student is not ready and needs more time to discern and prepare. Youth will have the option to continue discernment and be confirmed the following year.*