

Holy Rosary Catholic Church – Confirmation Requirements

“As the primary educators of their children and youth, parents have a duty to participate in the preparation of their children and youth for the sacraments (canon 890).”

*Parents and sponsors, it is a privilege to prepare your candidate to practice and live the Catholic faith.
Expect to be involved in the preparation process as much as possible.*

Requirements of Candidate

A candidate is a person preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

- ❖ The candidate must be baptized, and a copy of their baptism must be on file with the parish.
- ❖ **The candidate must attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation.**
Holy Days of Obligation:
January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
November 1, the solemnity of All Saints
December 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
December 25, the solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- ❖ The candidate must attend & participate in Faith Formation on Wednesday evenings.
- ❖ The candidate must prayerfully read and sign the **Confirmation Discernment Packet** and set up an interview with Fr. Nate by January 15, 2027, to discuss their readiness to receive the sacrament.
- ❖ The candidate must attend an interview with Fr. Nate to discuss their readiness to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Interviews will be held after January 15, 2027.
- ❖ The candidate must attend all four Confirmation preparation sessions held during Wednesday evening Faith Formation during the months of February, March & April 2027.
- ❖ The candidate must choose a sponsor and provide the parish with their name and contact information.
- ❖ The candidate must select a saint as their Confirmation name & write a report on this saint.
- ❖ The candidate must attend one of the following retreats:
Steubenville Youth Conference (this met the requirement for those who attended in July 2026)
Diocese of Crookston Youth Conference, September 27 in Bemidji / DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS SEPTEMBER 18
Confirmation Retreat at Holy Rosary, April 3, 2027 (for 10th-11th graders who've discerned Confirmation)
- ❖ The candidate must write a letter to Bishop Cozzens indicating their intent and readiness to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.
- ❖ The candidate must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation within a few weeks before Confirmation.
- ❖ The candidate must attend the Candidate/Sponsor Retreat & Rehearsal (May 8, 2027 – 10:00am-Noon).

Requirements of Parent

- ❖ The parent must be registered at Holy Rosary parish or a local Catholic parish.
- ❖ The parent must support their child in the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- ❖ The parent must support their child by making sure they attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation.
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- ❖ The parent must be physically and spiritually invested in their child's formation in the Faith.
- ❖ The parent must sign the child's Confirmation Discernment Packet after child has signed.

Holy Rosary Catholic Church – Choosing a Sponsor

What is a Confirmation Sponsor?

Every Confirmation candidate chooses an adult sponsor to accompany and support them spiritually before, during, and after receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

Choosing a sponsor is an important decision. One question to ask when choosing a sponsor is, “How will this person help me grow in my Catholic faith?”

Some important questions to consider are:

Who in my life has made a positive impact on my Catholic faith?
Is this person mature and responsible?
Is this person an active and practicing Catholic?
Does this person live out their Catholic faith authentically?
Do I trust this person?

Guidelines for choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

A sponsor must be someone other than the candidate’s parent.

A sponsor must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age.

The candidate must choose one sponsor, not multiple.

A sponsor may be a godparent if they are close to them, but more importantly, it should be someone they can talk to about their Catholic faith and meet with for sponsor sessions.

A sponsor must be living in harmony with the Catholic faith and the role to be undertaken; therefore if married, must be in a sacramental marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

A sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, registered in a parish, who regularly attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and receives the Holy Eucharist.

The sponsor must complete the *Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility Certificate* and return in a timely manner to the parish. This form will be included in the Sponsor packet, mailed to sponsor on February 1, 2027.

A sponsor must be willing and available to meet with the candidate at least three times before Confirmation. Guidelines & suggestions for these sponsor-led meetings are included in the Sponsor packet, mailed to sponsor on February 1, 2027.

The sponsor must attend the candidate/sponsor Confirmation Retreat and Rehearsal on May 8, 2027, from 10:00am-Noon and present the candidate to Bishop Cozzens for Confirmation at Holy Rosary on May 8, 2027 (time TBA).