

Welcome to St. Joseph Youth Programming
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Please **READ CAREFULLY** the following expectation **WITH** your candidate and then sign and return.

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- ★ **Candidates are to attend Mass each Sunday and Holy Day. It is recommended that they attend with their family. Mass is the most important aspect of everything we do as Catholics. This is the number one requirement of the preparation process, fulfilling the Sunday and Holy Day Obligation, AT A MINIMUM, faithfully.**
- ★ If homework is assigned, they will be expected to do the assignments. Your cooperation is needed.
- ★ No teen will miss more than 3 sessions of Life Nights or Confirmation prep nights.
- ★ Last year, your teen was to complete 4 Corporal/ Spiritual Works of Mercy, with the ability to use 5 service hours they may have done with another group as 1 of those works and only 1 time. IF your teen has not completed this at this time, please see the youth minister.
- ★ Students are expected to be cooperative with and respectful to the Core Team, all guest speakers, and fellow students. Anyone judged to be disruptive in class will be sent home. In order to be readmitted to class, they and their parent(s) must meet with the Youth Minister, Coordinator of Evangelization, and pastor.
- ★ Punctuality is important; the students are to be in the Youth Group room immediately following Mass. Pick-up is between 8:30pm and 8:45pm. Conversation sometimes runs over.
- ★ Parents may be asked to assist/chaperone/drive for some events.
- ★ Candidates are to take responsibility for all assignments, classes or masses missed etc. **If assignments, classes and Masses are missed, they do not complete their Corporal/Spiritual Works of Mercy, and they do not make a Confirmation**

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- ★ All 9th grade Confirmandi for the fall of 2027 should submit all paperwork for themselves upon the start of the September 2026 sessions. The Youth Minister will provide the forms at the mandatory meeting in September.
- ★ Each candidate is required to submit a saint essay by March 1, 2027
- ★ Each candidate will have selected a sponsor and completed the paperwork **NO LATER than March 1, 2027**

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CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS

That must be fulfilled in order to receive the sacrament in the Spring of 2027

- ★ **Candidates are to attend Mass each Sunday and Holy Day. It is recommended that they attend with their family. It is recommended that they attend with their family. Mass is the most important aspect of everything we do as Catholics. This is the number one requirement of the preparation process, fulfilling the Sunday and Holy Day Obligation, AT A MINIMUM, faithfully.**
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- ★ Candidates will be expected to complete several Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy throughout their time in Confirmation Class. The opportunities will be provided for them by the Core Team and each teen will be required to complete a minimum of 3 in Year I. They may use a total of 5 Community Service Hours from their other obligations to count for 1 of the works. *Youth Minister will explain this*

- ★ In year II, teens will be required to complete 3 Corporal/Spiritual Works of Mercy. I will provide several opportunities for them to do this. IF they would like to branch out on their own, the work must be approved by the Youth Minister in advance.
- ★ Students are expected to be cooperative and respectful of the Core Team, all guest speakers, and fellow students. Anyone judged to be disruptive in class will be sent home. In order to be readmitted to class, they and their parent(s) must meet with Youth Minister, Coordinator of Evangelization, and pastor.
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- ★ Parents may be asked to assist/chaperone/drive for some events.
- ★ Candidates are to take responsibility for all assignments, classes or masses missed etc. If assignments, classes and Masses are missed, they do not complete their Corporal/Spiritual Works of Mercy, and they do not make a Confirmation retreat, **candidates should not expect to be confirmed in the spring with their class, but rather will have to repeat the year.**
- ★ All Confirmation assignments are to be completed at home and students will be required to communicate with the Youth Minister by either turning in the assignments hand written or by emailing their responses. They may also be required to keep a Prayer Journal. While we understand that your teen will have a great deal of school work to do as well, our goal is that your teen, with your assistance, will view their Confirmation work as a priority. This year,
- ★ The Archdiocese of Hartford requires that each candidate make a confirmation retreat to be eligible to receive the Sacrament. The retreat we will be offering this year is Steubenville East in Springfield Massachusetts (Dates to be announced-July)

St. Joseph Youth Programs Registration Form

Confirmation Year Fall 2026

Teen's Name:_____ Email:_____

Address:_____ Phone:_____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names:_____

Cell:_____ Email:_____

Phone:_____ Secondary email:_____

Is the person registering the teen also the parent or guardian? Yes_____

No_____

If no, please provide your contact

info:_____

*******PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR TEEN'S SACRAMENTAL RECORDS*******

Fees: Classes \$120

Steubenville Retreat Deposit to secure a spot for your teen \$50.00

Date Due: TBD

*Steubenville Retreat: This typically runs between \$350-\$375 per student. This includes the cost of the retreat itself, accommodations and meals, transportation and tee shirts. If there is a hardship, Steubenville Retreat can be paid in installments with complete payment due **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY**. We ask that a \$60.00 deposit be made to secure your teens spot by TBD. This fee is subject to change as more information is released from Lifeteen. We will be having several fundraisers throughout the year that, if your teen is attending the retreat, will be expected to assist with. A lack of participation in fundraising will result in that teen not receiving any funds toward the retreat. An estimated breakdown of the cost of the retreat can be found on the bottom page.*

Again, we will be running fundraisers which typically reduces cost considerably, provided your teen participates in the fundraisers. If there is a hardship, please see the Youth Minister.

We have read the requirements on pages 2 and 3 and agree to all the requirements for enrolling our teen in St Joseph Parish Confirmation/Youth Group.

Parent Signature:_____ Date:_____

Teen Signature:_____ Date:_____

Please initial if you give SJYG permission to take photos of your teens during Life Nights and all related activities to post on social media sites and to use for promotion_____

St Joseph Youth Programs Registration Form

Confirmation Year Spring 2027

Teen's Name:_____ Email:_____

Address:_____ Phone:_____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names:_____

Cell:_____ Email:_____

Phone:_____ Secondary email:_____

Is the person registering the teen also the parent or guardian? Yes_____

No_____

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- ★ Candidates are to attend Mass each Sunday and Holy Day. It is recommended that they attend with their family. There is a sign up list in the sacristy that they are to sign in AFTER each Mass. Those attending Mass at a different parish are to have the priest of that parish sign their bulletin.
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HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

January 1st-Solemnity of Mary

May 10th-Ascension of Jesus

August 15th- Assumption of Mary

November 1st-All Saints Day

December 8th-Immaculate Conception

December 25th- Christmas

Confirmation Ceremony Transition

Students High School Graduation Date	Fall 2025/Spring 2026 Standing	Year Confirmed
Class of 2028	Current 10th Graders	*Fall 2025/*Spring 2026
Class of 2029	Current 9th Graders	Fall 2026
Class of 2030	Current 8th Graders	Spring 2027
Class of 2031	Current 7th Graders	Fall 2027
Class of 2032	Current 6th Graders	Spring 2028 or Fall 2028
Class of 2033	Current 5th Graders	Spring 2029 or Fall 2029
Class of 2034	Current 4th Graders	Spring 2030 or Fall 2030
		*The current season St. Joe's confirms