

Catholic Church of the Nativity Confirmation Program

Confirmation Coordinator: Jaclyn Hasan

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Confirmation Year 2

- Students may begin in 8th grade or older and must have completed Confirmation Year 1.

- **Classes are held in room 102.**

- **Teachers**

Sun 9:45am Rehan Hasan rehanhasan@mac.com

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Teen Helper Sofia Tromantano

Sun 12:00 pm Rehan Hasan rehanhasan@mac.com

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- **Focus:** The Sacraments, Life in Christ, and Prayer

- **Resources:** Gifted with the Spirit (Pflaum), YOUCAT (Ignatius Press), Visions

- **Class Attendance** is required. Students are required to make-up work if they miss. If a student needs to miss more than 3 sessions per year, they will need to have a meeting with Father Jerry to discuss if the year needs to be repeated. If a student arrives more than 10 minutes late it will count as an absence unless already communicated with the teacher or DRE.

Please email Gina Taddeo at faithformation@nativitycatholic.net if your student will miss class.

- **Phones in class** - Students are allowed to have their phone in class and may use it as directed by their teacher. If phones are used without permission, they may be taken up by the teacher. Teachers will communicate with you if your student is having a problem with this rule.

- **Goals for Confirmation: Develop a personal relationship with Jesus through prayer, service and knowledge of the faith and become an active member of the Church. Also to connect families as a whole to the program by providing opportunities to serve together.**

Class Attendance As Scheduled
Letter to Sponsor (to do in class) September 13, 2026 (Sun) September 16, 2026 (Wed)
Sponsor Interview October 21, 2026 (Wed) October 25, 2026 (Sun)
Sponsor Certificate for Confirmation from home Parish January 3, 2027 (Sun) January 6, 2027 (Wed)
Saint Paper January 3, 2027 (Sun) January 6, 2027 (Wed)
Confirmation Paper January 31, 2027 (Sun) February 3, 2027 (Wed)
Confirmation Retreat - @ Church of the Nativity February 7, 2027 2pm-8pm check in downstairs at 1:45pm
20 Service Hours (10 in church) TBD based on Confirmation date
Interview with Father Jerry with a parent TBD
Confirmation Mass Catholic Pastoral Center
Adoration 1 hour: April 1, 2027

Confirmation 2 Requirement Due Dates

Church of the Nativity - Curriculum Outcomes

By the completion of Confirmation II, students will demonstrate a mature understanding of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the mission of the Church. They will be prepared to receive the sacrament with informed faith, active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, a commitment to Christian service, and a desire to live as lifelong missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

Alignment with the Four Pillars of the Catechism

Pillar	Confirmation II Outcomes
Profession of Faith	Deepen understanding of Catholic doctrine, the Creed, and the Holy Spirit.
Celebration of the Christian Mystery	Prepare to celebrate Confirmation through active participation in the sacraments and liturgy.
Life in Christ	Live according to the Gospel through virtue, moral decision-making, and Christian service.
Christian Prayer	Cultivate a mature prayer life that sustains lifelong discipleship.

This framework aligns with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and is commonly reflected in diocesan Confirmation formation guidelines, while emphasizing that Confirmation is a commissioning for lifelong participation in the Church's mission.



Dear Sponsor,

Thank you for saying yes! Someone cares enough about you to allow you to be a very special person in their life!

Every Confirmation candidate must have a sponsor. What does this mean and what is the role of a sponsor?

Attaching others to help us begins at birth. Our parents become the first and best teachers of the faith which we refer to as the Domestic Church. But, everyone can use a little help.

At Baptism, we require at least one Godparent. A Godparent is limited by special requirements: they must be Baptized, receive First Communion, First Penance and be Confirmed. Also, be at least 16 years of age and an **ACTIVE** member of the Church.

The Godparent's responsibility is to assist the biological parents in the upbringing of the child spiritually. Should the death of a parent or both parents occur, the Godparents are not necessarily the new adopted parents, but it is their responsibility to keep in touch with their Godchild to make sure they are involved in the faith in an **ACTIVE** manner. An active Church member is one who participates in Mass weekly and receives instruction in the faith (this should be a life-long process).

It would be great if one of the Godparents could continue on as a sponsor for the Confirmed; an added step in the facilitation of the Godparent's job. But this is not always doable.

Whoever the Confirmation sponsor is, also has certain requirements, in fact the same requirements as a Godparent; Baptized, First Communion, First Penance, Confirmation, **ACTIVE** member in the Church and at least 16 years of age. The Sponsor is not an afterthought. Sponsors should be selected early in the confirmation year. This sponsor should establish a relationship with their confirmation student. This would require talking to, praying for, and generally preparing for the conference of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The sponsor should be as important as the teacher.

Therefore, the sponsor should be someone the student feels comfortable with and can maintain a close relationship with; someone close to the student. For the rest of the student's life, the sponsor is responsible to help the student stay close to the Church, provide answers to questions, and pray for their charge. Often, it may require the sponsor to upgrade their knowledge of the faith!

This should NEVER be taken lightly. This is a major support for the student and should be a life-long commitment of both the sponsor and the Confirmation student.

In Christ,

Fr. Jerry

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Dear _____,

Thank you for accepting my invitation to be my sponsor for Confirmation!

I chose you to be my sponsor because you have been an example to me of living the Catholic Faith in the following ways:

I am learning about the faith in my Confirmation class and I am sure that I will have questions that I would like to ask. You may not know the answers, but talking about my questions will help me and we can find ways together to find the answers. Some questions that I already have are:

As part of Confirmation preparation, I have chosen a Saint. My Saint is

_____. I would like to know who your Confirmation Saint is and why you chose that Saint.

My Confirmation will be on **TBD**. If you are unable to attend Confirmation, please let me know because I need to inform my teacher. As part of Confirmation, I will need you help in the following ways:

1. Pray for me and pray to my Saint for me.
2. Complete an interview with me on your experience of living the faith. I have included a copy of the interview questions but this is for me to fill out when we have our discussion. This is due at the beginning of January.

3. If you are not a member of Nativity, my church will need a Sponsor certificate from your Parish. I have enclosed the form that you can take to your Parish to

complete. Please include my name on the certificate.

4. The qualifications for being a sponsor are:

- a. An active, practicing member of a Catholic Parish
- b. Have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
- c. Are at least 16 years of age and are not the parent of the student receiving Confirmation

You can mail or email the certificate/letter to my church:

Catholic Church of the Nativity
2793 Buckner Lane
Thomspons Station, TN 37179
Confirmation@nativitycatholic.net

Thank you so much for accepting this responsibility to be my Confirmation Sponsor. I have also included a letter from my priest. I look forward to being Confirmed and having you stand by my side.

Sincerely,

Enclosures:
Sponsor Interview Questions
Sponsor Certificate
Rev. Jerry Strange Letter

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4. What advice would you give to me as to how I, as a mature Catholic, could deal with any future challenges that I may face?

5. One of the duties of the sponsor is to be a disciple of the Confirmand in faithfully fulfilling his/her obligations as a Catholic. What are some of those official obligations specified by the Church?

6. How can you, as my sponsor, help me to fulfill these obligations?

7. By the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit confirms in us the Catholic Faith. How can I be open to His workings? How can I best be open to

His power?

Sponsor's Certificate for Confirmation

Requirements of the Sponsor

From the Code of Canon Law: A sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation must be a Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation and be at least 16 years of age. They must be free from canonical penalty and lead a life in harmony with the faith in keeping with the function to be undertaken. (Canons 11874 & 893) **The sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent.**

Person to be Confirmed: _____

Sponsor Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

***Please read and initial the following if true.** In accord with Canon 874 of the Code of Canon Law, a sponsor for Confirmation or Baptism must meet all of the following qualifications.*

____ I am at least 16 years of age, and I am not the parent of the person receiving the sacrament.

____ I have received all three sacraments of initiation: Baptism____ Eucharist____ Confirmation____

____ I participate in Sunday Mass regularly.

____ My marriage was witnessed in the Catholic Church by a priest or deacon. **OR** ____ **I** am not married.

____ I am a parishioner of (name of parish) _____

Affirmation of Sponsor: As a sponsor for Confirmation, I affirm that I meet all the requirements listed above. I intend to continue the practice of my Catholic Faith, and will, to the best of my ability, carry out the obligations of my role as sponsor.

Signature of Sponsor

Date

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CERTIFICATION OF SPONSOR'S PARISH

~ To be signed at the sponsor's parish ~

To the best of my knowledge, this person is qualified to act as sponsor for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Pastor Date

Signature of

Name of Pastor Name of Parish, City, State

Printed

Parish Seal

My Confirmation Saint

_____ (Saint Name)

By _____
(Student Name)

Due January 3, 2027 (Sun), January 6, 2027 (Wed)

Saint Information

Born: _____

Died: _____

Date Canonized: _____

Feast Day: _____

What is your Confirmation Saint a patron of? Please list below:

Summary of Saint's Life:

Writings or Prayers of my Saint

[illegible]

Why did I choose this Saint?

[illegible]

My prayer to my Saint for intercession as I prepare for Confirmation:

Sources:

Confirmation 2 Paper “Why I Want to Be Confirmed”

Due: January 31, 2027 (Sun), February 3, 2027 (Wed)

The purpose of this paper is to help you reflect on this past year in Confirmation 2 class and why you want to be confirmed. Please turn this paper in to your Confirmation teacher.

Please include the following:

1. Two-five sentences about yourself (where you were born, brothers and sisters, hobbies)
2. One-three sentences on how you have been preparing your heart and mind to receive Confirmation
3. Your favorite scripture passage and why
4. Who your Confirmation Saint is and why you chose your saint
5. Who your Sponsor is and why you felt he/she would be a good sponsor
6. "In receiving this sacrament, I realize that more will be expected of me. Some of these responsibilities include..."
7. How you feel that Confirmation will help you in your life (think of your relationship with God and others and /or what you may face in the future):

Confirmation Service Hours

Name _____

Confirmation 1 requires 10 Hours (Min. 5 must be church hours)

Confirmation 2 requires 20 Hours (Min. 10 must be church hours)

Date	Service	Signature	Community (hr)	Church (hr)
		Totals:		

Confirmation - Volunteer Opportunities Examples

Church Hours: Check Sign-up genius for Youth volunteers on website

Adoration: 1 hour is mandatory and can be completed at our retreat. Additional hours count toward service hours. Adoration is held every Wednesday 5:00-6:00 and every First Friday 9:30am - 7:00pm. Jesus is always present in the Tabernacle even if the Monstrance is not on display and you can pray at other times in the sanctuary, too.

Serve in a Mass Ministry - Choir, Usher, Ambassador, help clean up pews for 10 minutes after Mass, Altar Serve. Contact Nancy Martinez for more information about these ministries.

Preschool/Kinder Classrooms and Nursery

(not during your Mass time, this is in addition to the Mass you attend)

Rosary Walk clean up - periodically throughout the year with the Knights of

Columbus **Respect for life Crosses** - Help setting up Crosses (look for flock

notes and emails) **55+ group** (2nd Thursday of the month) Set up and take down tables

WGON meetings and other Ministry meetings (SEE the Parish Youth Sign Up Genius)

Set up and take down tables Bake Sales - Help with set up, clean up Sunday or bake items for the sale

Fall Festival - Set up, break down and clean up, staffing games or monitoring bounce

house **Trunk or Treat** - Set up, break down, help with games

Christmas Basket - December

Soup for Super Bowl Food Drive - January/February - Help collect food and load truck

Fish Fry - Feb/ March - set up, break down each week. Prepare and serve food. Clean up. Wait tables.

Easter Egg Hunt - March - Stuffing Eggs

Community Hours:

The Well Food Pantry- Mobile Food Drives, stocking shelves. Preparing Thanksgiving boxes. Delivering Thanksgiving boxes (this is typically done as a family). Go to www.springhillwell.org for more information.

Assisted Living Facilities- Spending time in person or Pen pals

PTO events at Elementary Schools

Helping out neighbors, picking up trash (especially elderly neighbors - no pay involved)

Frequently Asked Questions

● Why do we require Service Hours?

Service Hours are hours spent sharing the love of Jesus with others through your actions and deeds **without** recompense (pay). It is not enough to just know about our faith, we must put our faith into action.

Just as Jesus washed the feet of His Apostles at the Last Supper, so we must serve our neighbors. For this reason, students are asked to get into the habit of serving both their Church and community through volunteer hours. This should become a part of their character so as to tie them strongly to their brothers and sisters around them for the rest of their lives.

As a general rule, if you could be paid for doing a certain activity, it is best to take the money and not try to use it toward service hours. Service hours should be something that you could not be paid for such as service to the poor or needy, or time spent helping the community for a task that is unfunded. Always get permission from **Gina Taddeo** before putting in hours with a community organization (non-Church) to be sure that the hours will count toward your requirements.

● Who can be a Sponsor?

- A Sponsor is a mentor for how to live the Catholic faith.
- This person must be a Confirmed Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church, at least 16 years of age, and fully initiated. **A sponsor may not be a parent.**
- If the Sponsor is not a member of Nativity, the Sponsor **must** send a letter from their church pastor stating that they are in good standing with the Catholic Church and are qualified to be a Sponsor.

● What if I already turned in a Baptismal Certificate for First Communion?

- Sometimes all the information from the certificate was not fully recorded. After Confirmation, we will send a letter to the Church of your student's baptism notifying them of your student's Confirmation. To confirm that we have all the information correctly recorded, we request the Baptismal Certificate again.

● What if I have lost my student's Baptismal Certificate?

- Please call the church where your student was baptized and request a copy be sent to our church.

● What if my student is unable to attend our Confirmation Retreat - (Reason for missing our retreat must be approved). If approved then your student may attend one of the following:

- Other retreats as approved by Father Jerry or DRE.

- **What is the dress for Confirmation Mass?**

- Because of the special nature of the occasion, and the spirituality of the place, dress for Confirmation should reflect the importance of the moment.
- **For Girls:** Dresses should cover the shoulder and come down to a respectable length near the knee in white or pastel color (modest, simple clothing with no large jewelry), dress shoes (no flip flops or tennis shoes)
- **For Boys:** Collared Long Sleeve Shirt (white or pastel in color) with appropriate tie, khaki or dress slacks, dress shoes (no tennis/athletic shoes, suit coat is optional)

- **When and where will Confirmation be held?**

- When: TBD
- Where: Catholic Parish Center, Diocese of Nashville or Church of the Nativity

- **What if I cannot attend our Confirmation Mass?** Contact Gina Taddeo to arrange an alternate Confirmation Mass at another Parish.