

Catholic Church of the Nativity Confirmation Program

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Confirmation Year 1

- Students may begin in 7th grade or older
- Room 103
- Teachers:
 - Sunday 9:45am **Leslie & Matt Harms** harmsfamily05@yahoo.com ◦
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 - Marianne Healy** mal881@yahoo.com
- **Focus:** The Creed, Developing a Prayer Life, Saints, and the Dignity of the Human Person
- **Resources:** Gifted with the Spirit (Pflaum), Theology of the Body for Teens Middle School Edition (Ascension Press), YOUCAT (Ignatius Press)
- **Class Attendance** is required. Students are required to make-up work if they miss. If a student has to miss more than 3 sessions per year, parent(s) will need to have a discussion with Father Jerry. If a student arrives more than 15 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.

Conf. 1 Requirement Due Dates

Requirement	Due Date to be Completed
Class Attendance	As scheduled
Parent Interview	October 21, 2026 (Wed) October 25, 2026 (Sun)
Baptismal Certificate	January 3, 2027(Sun) January 6, 2027 (Wed)
Sponsor and Saint Information Form	March 7, 2027 (Sun) March 10, 2027 (Wed)
10 Service Hours (5hr min for church hours)	April 4, 2027 (Sun) April 7, 2027 (Wed)
Adoration 1 hour	April 1, 2027

*Please take a picture of ALL REQUIREMENTS or save electronically before turning them in**

- **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.
- **Supplies needed:** ½ inch binder with clear pockets on front and back for Sunday Class, Catholic Bible
- **Church of the Nativity - Simple Curriculum Outcomes Confirmation 1**
 - By the completion of Confirmation I, students will demonstrate a foundational understanding of Catholic beliefs, develop habits of prayer and worship, participate in parish life and service, and show a growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ as they prepare for immediate sacramental formation in Confirmation II.

Essentially, it is our goal for the students to:

- Know the Faith (Catechesis)
- Love the Lord (Prayer and Sacraments)
- Live the Mission (Service and Discipleship)

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Parent Interview Confirmation 1

Due: Oct 21, 2026 (Wed); Oct 25, 2026 (Sun)

Confirmation Student Name: _____

Schedule some time to interview one or both of your parents and write down their responses. We pray this is a fruitful time to reflect with one another about our Catholic Faith and how it may influence your life and play a role in your family. Thank you!

1. Why is practicing your Catholic Faith important to you?
2. How do you rely on your Catholic Faith to help you answer difficult situations?
3. How do you think that Confirmation is going to benefit me in my adult life?

4. Why do you think it is important for me to persevere in my Faith and continue to be faithful to its practice? For example, going to Confession and Mass even when I don't want to at times?

5. What is the most valuable lesson you have learned through your faith?

Completed by:

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Date: _____

Information for Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

Choosing a sponsor is not a light decision to be made quickly. Please select your sponsor carefully.

Things to know when choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

1. The Sponsor must be a confirmed Catholic in good standing with the Church over the age of 16 years. Your sponsor CANNOT be your parent. You may choose your Baptism sponsor as your Confirmation Sponsor. A sponsor must have already received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. A married sponsor must have a valid, sacramental marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.
2. The sponsor must be willing to attend and participate in the Confirmation process, assisting in the preparation and education for this Sacrament.
3. The sponsor must be willing to serve as a Catholic model of what it means to be a person who has a relationship with Jesus Christ and lives the faith daily.
4. The sponsor should be someone you are comfortable spending time with and talking openly about your faith - someone who is a part of your life on a regular basis.

Qualities of a Confirmation Sponsor

- Mentor - a person who is willing to accept people as they are created and is open to discovering and nurturing the Confirmand's gifts (charisms). A good sponsor is a companion on the Confirmand's faith journey and promotes the Confirmand's sense of belonging to the Church community.
- Prayer warrior - a person who prays daily and is open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. A good sponsor will pray regularly for the Confirmand.
- Generous - a person who is generous with time for the Confirmand, providing patience, prayer, understanding, love, and faith.
- Considerate - a person who respects the opinions, ideas, gifts, hopes, fears, and feelings of the Confirmand. Someone who recognizes the importance of confidentiality.
- Faithful - a person who is steadfast, constantly seeking a closer relationship with Jesus Christ, in union with the Catholic Church, while growing and living out the faith in daily life.

Confirmation Sponsor Reflection Resource

Take a few minutes to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in choosing a Confirmation Sponsor.

1. Name(s) of people I know who might be a good Confirmation sponsor:

2. What Catholic faith qualities do I admire about each person listed above?

3. Why would each person be a good sponsor and support person in my adult faith journey?

4. How do I see each person sharing their faith with others (in actions and in words)?

5. With which of these people would I feel comfortable discussing my faith journey (my doubts and fears, my hopes and joys)?

6. Which of these people would be able to attend Mass with me and most of the Confirmation activities throughout the year?

7. Which of these people would be most likely to continue having a faith based relationship with me after I am confirmed?

8. This is the person I would like to ask to be my sponsor:

9. If this person is not available, my second choice is:

Confirmation Saint Reflection Resource

"We choose a name when we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation so that we have a patron saint of our choosing to pray for us as we face the challenges to our faith that come with adult life." - Fr. Vincent Serpa, O.P.

Set aside time to ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in choosing a Confirmation Saint. You should have a special connection or devotion to this particular Saint and be willing to commit yourself to emulating this Saint throughout your life and asking him or her to intercede on your behalf.

1. Research and read about the lives of (at least 3) different Saints. From those Saints whom you researched, choose three whose lives intrigue you. List the three Saints here:

2. What makes you feel connected to them?

3. What stands out the most about each Saint?

4. Which of those Saints faced struggles that you have?

5. Which of those Saints do you feel would be a good role model for you and why?

6. Which Saint would you like to take as your Confirmation Saint?

Candidate Sponsor and Saint Information Form

Due: March 7, 2027 (Sun), March 10, 2027 (Wed)

Please complete this form to submit the confirmation student's Sponsor and Saint.

The role of the sponsor is to serve as a spiritual companion and guide to the person who is preparing to receive Confirmation. "...it is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament" (Code of Canon Law 892).

The Church requires that a person meet certain requirements in order to serve as a sponsor: The requirements are outlined in the Code of Canon Law and are connected to the requirements of sponsors for Baptism.

In brief, to be a sponsor, one must:

- **Be 16 years or older**
- **Be fully initiated (Baptized, First Communion, Confirmed)**
- **Live a life of faith**
- **Not be a parent**
- **Not be bound by any other canonical penalty or restriction**

Student's First and Last Name:

Sponsor's First and Last Name:

Does the Sponsor fulfill all of the above requirements?

Yes: _____

No: _____

Confirmation Saint Name: _____

Please contact Jaclyn Hasan with questions: confirmation@nativitycatholic.net

Confirmation Service Hours

Name _____

10 volunteer hours are required for Confirmation 1 (min. 5 must be church hours)

20 volunteer hours for Confirmation 2 (min. 10 must be church hours)

Date	Service	Signature	Community	Church
		Totals:		

Confirmation - Volunteer Opportunities Examples

Church Hours: Check Sign-up genius for Youth volunteers on website Adoration: 1 hour is mandatory in Year 2 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** -

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

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 should be a Confirmed Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church and be at least 16 years of age. **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?** ○ We will send a letter to the Church of your student's baptism notifying them of your student's Confirmation. If we do not have all the necessary information recorded, then we will need 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 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?**

- The Bishop will send us the schedule of Confirmation Masses. This will have the place and the time of the Mass.

- **What if I cannot attend our Confirmation Mass?**

- Contact Gina Taddeo or Jaclyn Hasan to arrange an alternate Confirmation Mass at another Parish