# **Catholic Church of the Nativity Confirmation Program**

**Confirmation Coordinator: Jaclyn Hasan** 

Contact: confirmation@nativitycatholic.net

#### **Confirmation Year 1**

- Students may begin in 7th grade or older
- Room 103
- Teachers:

Sunday 9:45am Leslie & Matt Harms <u>harmsfamily05@yahoo.com</u>

Sunday 12:00 PM Paula Boand paula.boand@yahoo.com

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Wednesday 6:30 pm Tim Healy tph117@comcast.net

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- 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 <a href="mailto:faithformation@nativitycatholic.net">faithformation@nativitycatholic.net</a> if your student will miss class.

**Conf. 1 Requirement Due Dates** 

Requirement	Due Date to be Completed
Class Attendance	As scheduled
Parent Interview	January 4, 2026 (Sun) January 7, 2026 (Wed)
10 Service Hours (at least 5 church)	April 12, 2026(Sun) April 15, 2026 (Wed)
Candidate Information Form	March 29, 2026 (Sun) March 25, 2026 (Wed)
Baptismal Certificate	March 29, 2026 (Sun) March 25, 2026 (Wed)

<sup>\*</sup>Please take a picture with your phone or save electronically any and all requirements 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 - Curriculum Outcomes Confirmation 1

- What is my purpose: I am a child of God to know, love and serve God in this world, so as to be happy with him in the next.
- God's Covenant: A way to life and love
- Who Is Jesus? How the work of Christ saves us, redemption, justification, salvation.
   Gospel meaning
   Gifts of the Holy Spirit

#### Heaven

Act of Faith, Act of Hope, Act of Love (not necessarily form prayers, but just to know how to make these acts.... EX: Faith: Jesus, I believe. Hope: Jesus I hope in you; I place my hope in you; Love: Jesus I love you.

Definitions: Covenant, Salvation, Grace (spiritual and actual), Revelation, Dignity of the Human Person

Scripture: The Gospels, Acts of the Apostles Encourage reading 1 chapter (or even less) daily

Integration: Spirituality (development) prayer, personal and communal, written expression of faith, expression of faith in word and actions, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Gifts of the Spirit, Fruits of the Holy Spirit (not to name, but to know about), service. Saints: St. Charles Borromeo, St. Sebastian, St. Francis, St. Clare

# **Parent Interview Confirmation 1**

Due: January 4, 2026 (Sun), January 7, 2026 (Wed)

Confirmation Student Name:
*Schedule some time to interview one or both of your parents*
1. Why is practicing your Catholic Faith important to you?
2. How do you roly on your Catholic Faith to holp you answer difficult situations?
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:	

# Confirmation 1 Service Hours

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10 hours for volunteer hours are required for Confirmation 1 (5 must be Church Hours)

Due April 12, 2026 (Sun), April 15, 2026 (Wed)

Date	Service	Signature	Community	Church
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		Totals:		

## **Confirmation - Volunteer Opportunities Examples**

#### **Church Hours:**

**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 <a href="https://www.springhillwell.org">www.springhillwell.org</a> 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 in neighborhood



# Candidate Information Form Confirmation 2027

Please complete the following information and turn it in with a copy of your student's **Baptismal Certificate** to Jaclyn Hasan by March 29, 2026 (Sun), March 25, 2026 (Wed)

Student Name
Family E-mail:
Spelling of Student's Name for Certificate:
Student's Church of Baptism:
Address of Church of Baptism:
Date of Baptism (month/day/year):
Father's Name (First Last):
Mother's Name (First Maiden Last):
Confirmation Saint Name (Be sure to include the full name of Saint. For example: St. Anthony of Padua, St. Catherine of Sienna, etc.):
Sponsor Name:
Sponsor's Church of Membership:
Snonsor's email:

# **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. O 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.