

# Catholic Church of the Nativity Confirmation Program

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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

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Wed. 6:30pm Steve Dzwonczyk [steven.dzwonczyk@homeownerman.com](mailto:steven.dzwonczyk@homeownerman.com)

- **Focus:** The Sacraments, Life in Christ, and Prayer
- **Resources:** Gifted with the Spirit (Pflaum), 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.  
Please email Gina Taddeo at [faithformation@nativitycatholic.net](mailto: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.

## Requirement Due Dates

<b>Class Attendance As Scheduled</b>
<b>Letter to Sponsor (to do in class)</b> Sep 21, 2025 (Sun) Sep 24, 2025 (Wed)
<b>Sponsor Interview</b> January 4, 2026 (Sun) January 7, 2026 (Wed)
<b>Sponsor letter of eligibility from home Parish</b> January 4, 2026 (Sun) January 7, 2026 (Wed)
<b>Saint Paper</b> January 4, 2026 (Sun) January 7, 2026 (Wed)
<b>Confirmation Paper</b> February 22, 2026 (Sun) February 25, 2026 (Wed)
<b>Confirmation Retreat - @ Church of the Nativity</b> February 22, 2026 2pm-8pm check in downstairs at 1:45pm
<b>20 Service Hours (10 in church)</b> April 12, 2026 (Sun) April 15, 2026 (Wed)
<b>Interview with Father Jerry with a parent</b> April 12-April 24, 2026 (Tentative dates)
<b>Confirmation</b> Catholic Church of Nativity, Thompsons Station (TBD)

# **Church of the Nativity - Curriculum Outcomes**

## **Grade Eight: Belonging to our Church Community**

We are the Church

What it means to become an active Catholic

Becoming a Catholic from another Faith Tradition (RCIA)

The Church of Jesus Christ; Mystical Body of Christ

Heritage, Tradition and History of the Church

Mass in depth, Celebration of the Christian Mystery, Prayers of the Mass

Liturgy meaning; Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist

Other liturgies of the Church

Vocation

4 Precepts of the Church

Definitions: Christology, Theology, Vatican, Curia, diocese, Bishop, Canon Law, Eschatology, Patristics

Sacraments: Sacraments of Initiation, Sacraments of Healing, Sacraments of Service

Viaticum

Scripture: Letters of Paul, John, James, Peter, etc.... Book of Revelation

Integration: Prayer, personal and communal, service, retreat, witnessing to the Faith, apologetics Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, help prepare liturgies and retreats, service.

Saints: In depth study into Confirmation Saint.

## 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 and 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?**

- 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 Steve Dzwonczyk or Father Jerry Strange.

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



*Please complete the following information and turn it in with  
a copy of your student's **Baptismal Certificate**.*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Family E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Spelling of Student's Name for Certificate:

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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.):

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Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Church of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's email: \_\_\_\_\_

## My Confirmation Saint

\_\_\_\_\_ (Saint Name)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Name)

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

## Saint Information

Born: \_\_\_\_\_

Died: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Canonized: \_\_\_\_\_

Feast Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Patronages: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Summary of Saint's Life:

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### Writings or Prayers of my Saint

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Why I chose this Saint?

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

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## Sponsor Interview Confirmation 2

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

Confirmation Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of this interview is to have the sponsor and candidate discuss their faith, to learn more about their faith, and to learn more about Confirmation. Hopefully, these questions will lead to some in-depth discussion on spiritual matters. This is to be done in a conversation (not given to the sponsor to fill out.)

1. How has the Holy Spirit helped you?
2. What are some of the difficulties you have encountered since your Confirmation?
3. What is the major difficulty you think I will have to face in the next few years?
4. Do you have any advice on 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 see what the candidate faithfully fulfills 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?

Date of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_

## Confirmation 2 Service Hours

Name \_\_\_\_\_

20 hours for volunteer hours are required for Confirmation 2  
(10 must be Church Hours)

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

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** (3rd Thursday of the month)

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](http://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 in neighborhood**

## **Confirmation 2 Paper “Why I Want to Be Confirmed”**

Due: February 22, 2026 (Sun), February 25, 2026 (Wed)

This paper is to tell Father Jerry about yourself and why you want to be confirmed. It can be typed or handwritten neatly.

Please include the following:

1. 2-5 sentences about yourself (where you were born, brothers and sisters, hobbies)
2. I have been preparing my heart and mind to receive Confirmation by...(1-3 sentences)
3. My favorite scripture passage is ... because...
4. I chose .... As my Confirmation Saint because .....
5. My sponsor is ..... I felt he/she would be a good sponsor for me because...
6. In receiving this sacrament, I realize that more will be expected of me. Some of these responsibilities include...
7. I especially feel that Confirmation will help me (think of your relationship with God and others and/or what you may face in the future)...

Father Jerry looks forward to meeting each Confirmation candidate. A Parent must attend the interview. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered during the interview (individually) to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. You may also discuss any topic from class that you would like to have further clarification.



I affirm that \_\_\_\_\_

is a Catholic in good standing and a member of (Church name and address) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

This person is an acceptable and responsible member of the Church and as such, is a positive applicant to be a Godparent/ Sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism/ Confirmation

This person will be the Godparent/Sponsor of \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism/ Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Church of  
Baptism/Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Priest/Deacon \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Seal:

**Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples**

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