

Agenda: Confirmation Preparation Meeting Feb. 22, 2026

I. Welcome/Prayer

II. Introduction/Schedule for Confirmation

III. The role of the sponsor/mentor

Be ready to choose a sponsor/mentor by May 1 to help you in your preparation.

Complete the Registration Form:

<https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/confirmation-candidate-registration-20262027/>

IV. Acts 2:1-4

Mass Reflections/Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

<https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/confirmation-20262027-sunday-mass-reflections/>

V. Serving as Jesus Did

CONFIRMATION 2026-2027

Register for the Recording of Service Hours:

1. Go to the x2Vol Website at: <https://www.x2vol.com/Login.html> (or <https://www.x2vol.com/> and click on the log in at the top)
2. Click new user (below the login box in light blue)
3. Click the box, "My school instructed me to complete my registration"
4. Under, "Find your school, enter "Ann Arbor" and find and click on St. Francis of Assisi Church
5. Fill out the Account Lookup, using the student last name and email on file. (We have not started the youth's registration, thus the student registration form will come up next).
6. Fill out the student registration form. When asked for student ID, put any number in the space
7. After submitting the form, you can go to your account and see your group, "Confirmation 2027" and goals of 30 service hours. Then plan your service and record the service under "Add Hours." Here you will create personal projects, such as church or community related activities, fill out the form and submit.
8. You can check how many hours you have logged as you desire.
9. If you have questions, please contact Ellen Ward at ward@stfrancisa2.org

BTW: Vacation Bible School is M-F, July 20-24, 2026 (9 AM –12 Noon)

¿Hablas español? El campamento de Fe, Arte y Cultura Latina
es de lunes a jueves, del 3 al 6 de agosto (8:45 am–3:15 pm)

Thank you for coming and God Bless you!

Confirmation registration forms and forms documenting at least 10 hours of service are due by May 1.



2026/2027 Schedule for Candidate Preparation of Confirmation

Due May 1, 2026

Candidate registration form with sponsor and baptismal information is due. Be sure to contact us if the sponsor information changes. Form is found at: <https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/confirmation-candidate-registration-20262027/>



Sept. 15, 2026

Sunday Mass Reflection Forms are due by the end each month for a total of 7 months. Form is found at: <https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/confirmation-20262027-sunday-mass-reflections/>



Mid-September

Confirmation preparation meeting for parents, sponsors (if available) and youth preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation is held. Candidates will receive their binder, begin work with their sponsor, and hear details about the retreat.

Fri, Nov. 6—Sun, Nov. 8

Confirmation Retreat at Bethany House, DeWitt, MI. Bus leaves SFA Friday 5:30 p.m., returns Sunday noon)

January 30, 2027

Service (use the online site at: <https://www.x2vol.com/Login.html> to document 30 hours of service) are due.

January

Sponsor, Parent and Candidate Preparation Meeting.

At this meeting, candidates will:

- Letter of Good Standing signed by pastor (delegate) of Sponsor's parish is due.
- Review the Confirmation text
- Receive instructions for the Saint Report
- Sign up for interviews
- Begin work on their Saint Report

April

Candidate interviews

- Each candidate presents an oral report on the Saint/holy person chosen for their Confirmation name.
- The Confirmation text will be checked for completion.
- Candidate's understanding of the Sacrament will be reviewed.
- Candidate's readiness and desire for Confirmation will be discussed.

Confession before Confirmation (sponsor and candidate)

TBD

Rehearsal for Confirmation in Church.

TBD

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation during Mass.

Dress Guidelines:

Girls: Modest dress with sleeves, or skirt and top with sleeves, dress slacks, dress shoes and stockings.

Boys: Dress shirt, dress pants, dress shoes (Sport coat, suit, and tie is optional).

Certificates are available after Mass. A reception follows Mass.

CONFIRMATION 2027

What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are the sacraments of initiation. Through these sacraments we become members of the Catholic Church, a community of Spirit-filled people who have been saved by Christ and who witness Christ's love in the world. Confirmation completes and seals our Baptism. Through the fullness of the Spirit's gifts, we are led to Eucharist through which we become the Body of Christ. Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, the candidates are:

- Enriched by the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Are bound more perfectly to the Church.
- Are strengthened in faith.
- Enabled to courageously witness to Christ and to spread and defend the faith.

The Role of Those to Be Confirmed

Those to be confirmed must freely choose to be confirmed and must be willing to participate in the Confirmation Preparation program, consisting of study, service, and prayer. Their faith in God must be evident through their participation in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. They need to be attending Mass regularly on Sundays, and living an active Christian life. Knowing that there are those times when we turn away from God or fail to follow his will for us, the candidates are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this preparation process. The expectations of the Candidates are to:

1. Enter the journey with a willing heart and an open mind.
2. Commit oneself to consistent personal prayer throughout the journey.
3. Attend all sessions, in-person (or if available by live-stream) (Excused absences require completion of work missed).
4. Willingly engage in community service.
5. Participate in the Confirmation Retreat
6. Complete all entries in the candidate's book.
7. Research and choose a saint or holy person whose name you will take for Confirmation.
Select someone whose life of faith, virtue, and service you truly admire and hope to imitate.
8. Support and encourage other candidates on the journey.
9. Maintain an open and honest relationship with one's sponsor or mentor.
10. Successfully complete the readiness interview.

The Role of the Parent (or adult family member)

Parents play a primary role in the sacramental preparation process. The parent:

1. Models the commitment to personal prayer, community worship, and ministry expected of a mature Christian.
2. Assumes responsibility to assist the candidate in meeting the program's attendance and service requirements.

3. Agrees to help the candidate understand the experience of the journey—enters into dialogue with the candidate, prays for and with the candidate, is willing to share his or her personal faith story with the candidate.
4. Is willing to step in for the mentor at any time if the mentor is unable to fulfill his or her commitment.

The Role of the Sponsor

Each candidate, with parental help, is expected to choose a sponsor. The sponsor:

1. Models the commitment to personal prayer, community worship, and ministry expected of a mature Christian.
2. Agrees to discuss the Catholic faith with the candidate, using the sponsor text, and completing with the candidate the entries in the candidate's book.
3. Supports the candidate during the journey of preparation through ongoing dialogue, notes of encouragement, and a willingness to listen to the concerns and hopes of the candidate.
4. Prays for and with the candidate.
5. The sponsor must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic, and sufficiently mature for this role. By canon law, parents cannot be Confirmation sponsors for their own children. It is greatly encouraged that the baptismal sponsor also be the confirmation sponsor to more clearly illustrate the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation. The sponsor presents the candidate to the bishop for the anointing.



The Letter of Good Standing for the Sponsor

Once your sponsor is chosen, please have the sponsor fill out and complete the letter of good standing, included or found by using the QR Code.

REGISTER FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The candidate registration form is provided with this information. If the candidate was not baptized nor made their First Eucharist at St. Francis, a copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate is requested along with the registration form. Please also indicate the name of your sponsor, filling out the required information, on the registration form. **It is preferred that the form be filled out online. Please complete the form as soon as possible and preferably by May 1.**



The form can be found online at: <https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/confirmation-candidate-registration-20262027/>

Service Project Information

Candidates for the reception of Confirmation are asked to engage in service projects. By doing so, the candidates contribute their own talents and abilities and help make a "Christ" difference in their communities by helping others. In living an active faith, the candidates grows in knowledge and love of God and neighbor.

Candidates are asked to contribute 30 hours of service to others as part of their preparation for Confirmation. Please document the service, using the online submission portal found at: <http://www.x2vol.com/Login.html>

Registration for Service Hours

You will need to register or complete the registration the first time you enter the site. Look for the link that reads, new user. Then click the box that says, "My school instructed me to complete my registration."

When prompted, under "Find your school" look for St. Francis of Assisi Church, Ann Arbor. Fill out the Account Lookup, using the student last name and email on file. (We have not started the youth's registration, thus the student registration form will come up next).

Fill out the student registration. For student ID, write any number in this required box.

Once the initial registration is completed and you are logged in, you will see the group, "Confirmation 2026 and the goals of 30 service hours.

You can "Add Hours" and create a personal project, such as church or community activities, complete the activities, adding hours and following the instructions for submission and verification.

Submissions documenting 30 hours of service are due by the end of January 2026.

Sunday Mass Attendance & Monthly Reflection Requirement

As part of your preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are expected to:

- +Attend Mass regularly every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.
- +Complete and submit the monthly online Sunday Mass Reflection Forms.
- +Complete 7 total reflections before September, each one focusing on one of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The purpose of this requirement is not simply to "check a box," but to help you grow in awareness of how the Holy Spirit is already at work in your life through the Mass, the Scriptures, and your daily choices.

At Confirmation, you will receive in a fuller way the gifts first given to you at Baptism. These gifts strengthen you to live as a mature disciple of Christ. **The gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel (Right Judgment), Fortitude (Courage), Piety (Reverence), Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe).**

Questions?

You will find information and forms on our website at <https://www.stfrancisa2.org/confirmation-prep>

Please feel free to contact the Religious Education secretary at stfreled@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2130 or Ellen Ward, Director of Religious Education at ward@stfrancisa2.org for questions.

Confirmation Candidate Registration Form 2026/2027

Candidates: It is preferred that this form be completed online at: <https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/confirmation-candidate-registration-20262027/>

1. Please provide the following general information:

Please print your name as you would like it to appear on the Confirmation certificate.

Candidate Name: _____
First Middle Last

Birthdate: _____

Name of Mother: _____
First Middle Maiden Name Last Name

Name of Father: _____
First Middle Last Name

Candidate Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____
(Home) (Mother's work/cell) (Father's work/cell)

Email _____
Candidate Mother Father

2. Has the youth been baptized Catholic or received into the Catholic Church? Yes / No

Was the youth baptized: 1) through RCIA? Yes / No; 2) through the Eastern Rite? Yes / No

Was the youth baptized into a non-Catholic church? Yes / No

Church of First Eucharist (Communion): _____
Name of Church City/State

Please provide the following baptismal information:

Month and Year of Baptism: _____

Church: _____
Name of Church Address City/State

If your child was not baptized nor made their First Eucharist at St. Francis, please include a copy of the baptismal certificate. Certificates may also be emailed to us at stfreled@stfrancisa2.org or mailed to St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2150 Frieze Ave. Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Please mark ATTN: Religious Education—Confirmation.

3. Please provide the following Sponsor information.

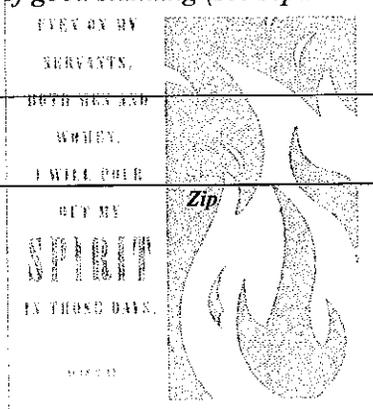
Your sponsor must be a confirmed Catholic who actively practices their faith and is sufficiently mature. Parents cannot be Confirmation sponsors for their own children. It is greatly encouraged that the baptismal sponsor also be the confirmation sponsor. Please remember to complete and turn in the sponsor letter of good standing (see separate form)

Name of Sponsor: _____
Mr. /Mrs./Ms. First Name Last Name

Sponsor's Address: _____
City State

For office use: _____

Confirmation Name Chosen: _____





St. Francis of Assisi

PARISH

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR LETTER OF GOOD STANDING: (RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO ST. FRANCIS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE)

I, _____
(First, Middle, and Last Name of Sponsor)

have been asked to be a sponsor for: _____
(Name of Youth Preparing for Confirmation)

(please check if the statement is true)

- I affirm that I am a practicing Catholic and have received the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) in the Catholic Church.
- I am at least 16 years of age and am not the mother or father of the person to be confirmed.
- I attend Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and receive the sacraments of Penance & Eucharist.
- I am aware that I am assuming responsibility to be a good role model for the person I am sponsoring by my life of prayer and by my Catholic example.
- (If married), I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church.
- (If single): I am living a Christian life in accordance with the laws of the Catholic Church.

(Signature of Sponsor) Date: _____

Sponsor Email: _____ Sponsor Phone: _____

To be completed by Pastor of Sponsor's Parish

The sponsor listed above: *(please check one)*

- Is a registered and active member of our parish.
- Has just recently registered and intends to be active in this parish.

Pastor (or delegate) Signature Date: _____

(Name of Catholic Church)

Address City State Zip

30 Hours of Service for the Glory of God

Please fill out the form below for each service activity completed. (A total of 30 hours is required as part of the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please return completed forms to the Religious Education Office).

Student First and Last Name: _____ Grade: _____

Description of Service Activity:

Date(s)/Hours of Service Activity *(please fill in the dates and number of hours that you volunteered for this service activity. Use a separate form for each different service activity):*

1. Total number of hours:
2. Total number of hours:
3. Total number of hours:
4. Total number of hours:
5. Total number of hours:

Briefly comment, in the space below, on 1) why you choose this service activity; 2) what you liked or learned from the service activity; and 3) any difficulties you might have encountered while doing the service activity.

To be filled out by the supervisor of the service activity:

Was the service work completed satisfactorily? _____ Your comments for the youth (please use the back of the form as necessary):

Signature of Supervisor of Service Activity

Name of Supervisor: _____ Phone number: _____

SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION FORM –1

Candidates: Please complete and return this form to the Religious Education Office.
You may also take a photo of the form and email it to stfreled@stfrancis2.org

1. Please provide the following information:

Candidate Name: _____
First *Last*

Date of Mass attended _____ *Church Name, City, State (if not St. Francis)*

Name of Celebrant (priest) of the Mass: _____

2. **Gospel and Homily**

*Listen to the Gospel during Mass. Summarize the gospel in a few lines & write down a few main points of the homily.
Use the back of the sheet as necessary.*

Summary of the Gospel: _____

The main points of the Homily are: _____

Pray for the Gift of Wisdom. Listen during Mass for insight into the Holy Spirit and the role of Wisdom.

Describe Wisdom: _____

Your thoughts: _____

Signature of Candidate

SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION FORM -2

Candidates: Please complete and return this form to the Religious Education Office.
You may also take a photo of the form and email it to stfreled@stfrancisa2.org

1. Please provide the following information:

Candidate Name: _____
First *Last*

Date of Mass attended _____ Church Name, City, State (if not St. Francis) _____

Name of Celebrant (priest) of the Mass: _____

2. **Gospel and Homily**

*Listen to the Gospel during Mass. Summarize the gospel in a few lines & write down a few main points of the homily.
Use the back of the sheet as necessary.*

Summary of the Gospel: _____

The main points of the Homily are: _____

Pray for the Gift of Understanding. Listen during Mass for insight into the Holy Spirit and the role of Understanding.

Describe Understanding: _____

Your thoughts: _____

Signature of Candidate

SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION FORM -3

Candidates: Please complete and return this form to the Religious Education Office.
You may also take a photo of the form and email it to stfreled@stfrancis2.org

1. Please provide the following information:

Candidate Name: _____
First *Last*

Date of Mass attended _____ *Church Name, City, State (if not St. Francis)*

Name of Celebrant (priest) of the Mass: _____

2. **Gospel and Homily**

*Listen to the Gospel during Mass. Summarize the gospel in a few lines & write down a few main points of the homily.
Use the back of the sheet as necessary.*

Summary of the Gospel: _____

The main points of the Homily are: _____

Pray for the Gift of Knowledge. Listen during Mass for insight into the Holy Spirit and the role of Knowledge.

Describe Knowledge: _____

Your thoughts: _____

Signature of Candidate

SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION FORM -4

Candidates: Please complete and return this form to the Religious Education Office.
You may also take a photo of the form and email it to stfreled@stfrancisa2.org

1. Please provide the following information:

Candidate Name: _____
First *Last*

Date of Mass attended _____ Church Name, City, State (if not St. Francis) _____

Name of Celebrant (priest) of the Mass: _____

2. **Gospel and Homily**

*Listen to the Gospel during Mass. Summarize the gospel in a few lines & write down a few main points of the homily.
Use the back of the sheet as necessary.*

Summary of the Gospel: _____

The main points of the Homily are: _____

Pray for the Gift of Fortitude (Courage). Listen during Mass for insight into the Holy Spirit and the role of Fortitude.

Describe Fortitude: _____

Your thoughts: _____

Signature of Candidate

SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION FORM -5

Candidates: Please complete and return this form to the Religious Education Office.
You may also take a photo of the form and email it to stfreled@stfrancis2.org

1. Please provide the following information:

Candidate Name: _____
First *Last*

Date of Mass attended _____ *Church Name, City, State (if not St. Francis)*

Name of Celebrant (priest) of the Mass: _____

2. Gospel and Homily

*Listen to the Gospel during Mass. Summarize the gospel in a few lines & write down a few main points of the homily.
Use the back of the sheet as necessary.*

Summary of the Gospel: _____

The main points of the Homily are: _____

Pray for the Gift of Right Judgment. Listen during Mass for insight into the Holy Spirit and the role of Right Judgment.

Describe Right Judgment: _____

Your thoughts: _____

Signature of Candidate

SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION FORM –6

Candidates: Please complete and return this form to the Religious Education Office.
You may also take a photo of the form and email it to stfreled@stfrancis2.org

1. Please provide the following information:

Candidate Name: _____
First *Last*

Date of Mass attended _____ Church Name, City, State (if not St. Francis) _____

Name of Celebrant (priest) of the Mass: _____

2. **Gospel and Homily**

*Listen to the Gospel during Mass. Summarize the gospel in a few lines & write down a few main points of the homily.
Use the back of the sheet as necessary.*

Summary of the Gospel: _____

The main points of the Homily are: _____

Pray for the Gift of Reverence. Listen during Mass for insight into the Holy Spirit and the role of Reverence

Describe Reverence: _____

Your thoughts: _____

Signature of Candidate

SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION FORM -7

Candidates: Please complete and return this form to the Religious Education Office.
You may also take a photo of the form and email it to stfreled@stfrancisa2.org

1. Please provide the following information:

Candidate Name: _____
First *Last*

Date of Mass attended _____ *Church Name, City, State (if not St. Francis)*

Name of Celebrant (priest) of the Mass: _____

2. **Gospel and Homily**

*Listen to the Gospel during Mass. Summarize the gospel in a few lines & write down a few main points of the homily.
Use the back of the sheet as necessary.*

Summary of the Gospel: _____

The main points of the Homily are: _____

Pray for the Gift of Wonder & Awe. Listen during Mass for insight into the Holy Spirit and the role of Wonder & Awe.

Describe Wonder & Awe: _____

Your thoughts: _____

Signature of Candidate