



THE PARISHES OF SACRED HEART AND DIVINE MERCY

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the Lord! Welcome to Confirmation Preparation!

It is a joy to continue to accompany you on your journey of faith. The **Confirmation Preparation** program at our parishes is designed to help us live the Christian life well. This begins by placing worship of God at the center of our lives, particularly by going to **Mass every Sunday**. This is the most important part of the program.

Additionally, **short 20 minute weekly sessions** provide an opportunity for the youth to reflect on the Gospel that was proclaimed at Mass and how it relates to the faith we profess in the creed, celebrate in the sacraments, live through morality, and offer in prayer. For example, if the Gospel is about Jesus healing the sick, we reflect on the power of Christ over sickness and death (creed), the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (sacraments), visiting the sick as a work of mercy (morality) and praying for the sick and those who care for them (prayer). Weekly sessions incorporate videos, fun activities, presentations, and more!

Those preparing to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** must be active in the Confirmation Preparation program for two years. Attendance at Mass and at the weekly sessions is monitored during this time. They must also complete the other tasks below and take part in the two workshops and the rehearsal offered in the second year of the program. All requirements must be fulfilled for this sacrament to be received. These requirements help form us to live the Christian life well and ensure that we are ready to celebrate this sacrament.

In addition to the requirements provided, there are other special opportunities offered to help the youth and families get involved in the mission of the Church at our parishes. Please join us as you are able.

Be assured of our continued prayers and support as you grow closer to the Lord through his Church. God loves you. And so do I.

In Christ,

Father Christopher R. Seibt

Pastor



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Confirmation Preparation

Year 1 Requirements

Session Options *(register for one)*

9:30 AM - 9:50 AM at Sacred Heart

9:30 AM - 9:50 AM at Divine Mercy

11:00 AM - 11:20 AM at Sacred Heart

Note: All sessions are open to all youth each week in the event that there is a schedule conflict.

Other special opportunities are also open to all youth from both parishes.

Requirements

- ☐ Attend Sunday Mass (or Saturday vigil) and sign in
- ☐ Attend all Holy Days of Obligation and sign in
 - August 15 (Assumption of Mary)
 - December 8 (Immaculate Conception)
 - December 25 (Nativity/Christmas)
 - January 1 (Mary Mother of God)
 - May 6 (Ascension of the Lord)

When attending Mass at a different parish, submit a bulletin signed by the priest

- ☐ Attend Parent Meeting
- ☐ Attend Weekly Sessions *(see next column; only 2 absences permitted)*
- ☐ Obtain Candidate Sacramental Certificates *(Baptism & Eucharist)*
- ☐ Complete Saint Biography
- ☐ Provide Sponsor Verification Form including required Sacramental Certificates
- ☐ Participate in Retreat
 - October 24
- ☐ Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
 - December 13
 - or
 - March 14
- ☐ Complete 15 Service Hours

*If you are unable to attend the scheduled retreat,
please contact the Family & Youth Ministries Office to make different arrangements.*

Sessions

- ☐ October 4
- ☐ October 11
- ☐ October 18
- ☐ October 25
- ☐ November 1
- ☐ November 8
- ☐ November 15
- ☐ November 29
- ☐ December 6
- ☐ December 13
- ☐ January 3
- ☐ January 10
- ☐ January 24
- ☐ January 31
- ☐ February 7
- ☐ February 21
- ☐ February 28
- ☐ March 7
- ☐ March 14
- ☐ March 21



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Year 1 Requirements Continued

Other Special Opportunities

- ☐ Eucharistic Adoration
(weekly on Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 PM at SH and Thursdays 5:30-6:30 PM at DM)
- ☐ Youth Ministry *(Edge weekly on Sundays 7:00-8:30 PM at DM/Life Teen weekly on Thursdays 5:30-8:00 PM at DM)*
- ☐ Altar Server, Usher, Greeter
- ☐ Parish Picnic *(September 20th)*
- ☐ Fall Festival (SH) *(October 3rd)*
- ☐ Winterfest (DM) *(January 29th)*
- ☐ Blessing of Animals (SH) *(October 4th)*
- ☐ “Trunk or Treat” (DM) *(October 30th)*
- ☐ Caring & Sharing/Giving Tree Christmas Projects
- ☐ Stations of the Cross *(weekly on Fridays at 7:00 PM during Lent)*
- ☐ Advent and Lenten Reflections
- ☐ Lenten Fish Fry
- ☐ *Totus Tuus* Summer Youth Program *(July 2027)*
- ☐ Steubenville Youth Conference *(July 2027)*

*Like all Catholics, candidates are expected to strive to live the Christian life well.
Those who are returning to the practice of the faith will be encouraged to do so and supported.
All candidates must fulfill the requirements above to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.*



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Confirmation Saint Biography

Candidate's Name: _____

Confirmation Year: _____

Saint Name: _____

Date and Place of Birth: _____

Date and Place of Death: _____

Feast Day: _____

Patron Saint of: _____

What is this Saint most known for? _____

Why did you choose this Saint? _____

Quote from your Saint: _____

Bible verse that describes this Saint: _____



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Confirmation Sponsor Questionnaire

The Church requires the following of Confirmation Sponsors:

They must be at least 16 years of age and not the parent of the candidate.

They must have received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist).

Copies of Sacramental Certificates are required to demonstrate this.

If they are married, they must have been married in the Catholic Church.

They must be living the Catholic faith (e.g., going to Mass).

If a proposed sponsor did not receive all the Sacraments of Initiation, or were not married in the Church, or are not living the Catholic faith, it may be possible to remedy the situation.

Otherwise a different sponsor must be selected.

Candidate's Name: _____

Confirmation Year: _____

Name of Sponsor: _____

Relationship to Candidate: _____

Birthdate of Sponsor (Month Day, Year): _____

Why do you feel this person is best suited to be your sponsor? _____

The following Sponsor Verification Form must be used for all sponsors.



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Sponsor Verification Form

Name of Candidate: _____ Date: _____

Name of Sponsor: _____

As a registered and participating member of _____ Parish,
I affirm that:

_____ I am at least sixteen years old and I am not the parent of the candidate.

_____ I am a Catholic and have received all three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist (*see attached Baptismal certificate with notations*).

_____ I am not married.

_____ I am married and have done so in accord with Church law, that is, married in the Roman Catholic Church (i.e., exchanged vows according to the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* before a priest or deacon and two witnesses; *see attached Marriage certificate*).

_____ I am married and have not done so in accord with Church law.

_____ I am practicing my faith: I know, believe, and live the Church's teachings. I go to confession. I attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation and I receive the Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter season. I strive to live a life of faith and discipleship through works of charity and mercy.

_____ I am not practicing my faith but, for the spiritual welfare of the candidate, I hereby promise to begin again (i.e., learning the faith, celebrating the sacraments, etc.).

_____ I will support the candidate with my prayers and the example of my life and will do all possible to encourage and ensure his/her formation in the Roman Catholic faith, particularly if circumstances prevent his/her parents from doing so.

Signature: _____

Proposed Godparent / Sponsor

Attested by: _____

Pastor

☐ *Note: the proposed godparent/sponsor is not ready at present to assume this ecclesiastical office but has solemnly promised to return to active participation in the life of the Church, particularly through the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist. Upon fulfillment of this promise, the proposed godparent/sponsor may be selected.*

Parish Seal



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Confirmation Service Hours

Candidate's Name: _____

Confirmation Year: _____

*Service hours are to be a combination of community service (Works of Mercy, 7 hours)
and Church related activities (fish fry, altar serving, etc., 8 hours).*

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	Date	Service	Location	Hours	Supervisor
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