

## ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM 2025-2026

### PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish ID (Envelope #): \_\_\_\_\_ Different parish? \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) live with: Both Parents   Mother   Father   Guardian (Relationship): \_\_\_\_\_

FULL Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Main E-Mail Address for Updates (please check regularly): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full (Maiden) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Married: Y   N   Divorced: Y   N   If divorced, Joint Custodian permission for child(ren) to attend classes: Y   N

If divorced, signature of Joint Custodian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

We need to be aware of any special circumstances, custody issues, etc. pertaining to your child(ren). Please note:

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1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Allowed to Pick Up Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Allowed to Pick Up Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth (city/state): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (Fall 2025): \_\_\_\_\_

School (2025-2026): \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M   F   Baptismal Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Reconciliation Y   N   Communion Y   N   Confirmation Y   N

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- ☐ I AUTHORIZE and give consent to use the name, portrait, or other likeness of my child for the parish bulletin, website, social media, news releases, media, wall decorations and other promotional activities.
- ☐ I DO NOT AUTHORIZE the use of the name, portrait, or other likeness of my child for parish promotional activities.
- ☐ I understand a copy of all my child(ren)'s Sacramental Certificates must be on file.
- ☐ I understand two consecutive years of *recent* faith formation are required before a child can receive a sacrament.
- ☐ I understand that if my child is in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year sacramental prep, 75% attendance and comprehension is required.
- ☐ **I understand that if my child is in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year sacramental prep, 75% attendance at weekend Mass is required.**
- ☐ I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to assist those unable to pay. Donation: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I agree to read and abide by the policies in the Faith Formation Handbook, The Diocese of St. Petersburg Safe Environment Harassment Policy, and the Parent Letter for Sacramental preparation.

No family will be denied due to inability to pay. We can provide financial assistance.

\*Fees are non-refundable once classes begin.

Father or Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother or Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FOR OFFICE USE</b>		Staff Member: _____	TeamReach: Y N
\$25 Registration X Children = _____		+ \$25 for Retreat X Children = _____	= Total Due: _____
Amount Paid: _____	Cash Online	Check #: _____	Receipt #: _____ Amount Owed: _____



St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

8014 State Road 52 Hudson, FL 34667

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Confirmation! This is such an important step in your teen's faith journey as the Holy Spirit comes upon them in a strong and powerful way to complete their full initiation into the Catholic Church. It's not a graduation in any sense. Initiation implies beginning. Confirmation really is the start of their lifelong faith journey of growing in knowledge and love of our Lord. We are excited to partner with you on this critical step.

To stay up-to-date on everything Confirmation prep directly on your phone, please follow the instructions on the next page. This will be the main (only) source of Faith Formation communication. (I do not really use email since many people do not check it regularly).

There are several expectations for you and your teen in order to ensure your teen is properly prepared for Confirmation:

- ☐ **Parents must attend weekend Mass each week with their children.** This habit is THE most important part of your teen's faith formation and lifelong journey. Drop your offertory envelope in the collection boxes each time you attend Mass (regardless of if there is money in it). Please do not put multiple envelopes in as only one will "count" each week. A bare minimum of 75% Mass attendance at St. Michael is required (including Holy Days of Obligation).
- ☐ If your teen is new to St. Michael Faith Formation, a letter from your previous parish must be submitted. The letter should affirm that your teen had at least 75% attendance in their Faith Formation program last year. **Due October 19.**
- ☐ Certificate of Baptism: Very important; your teen cannot receive Confirmation without this unless Baptized at St. Michael parish. **Due October 19.** If your teen has not been Baptized, please call immediately.
- ☐ Students will be required to attend at least 75% of the classes every Sunday from 10:05-11:35am (immediately following the 9am Mass) in the Malin Center (please see the schedule).
- ☐ Confirmation Saint Form. **Due December 14.**
- ☐ Sponsor Form: Please pay close attention to the sponsor qualifications listed on the form. **Due December 14.**
- ☐ Sponsor Eligibility Letter: Necessary only if the sponsor is not a St. Michael parishioner. **Due December 14.**
- ☐ Students must have a 75% competency of the material assigned in the Confirmation sessions.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Term Evaluation on 12/14/25. 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Evaluation on 4/19/26 (please see the schedule).
- ☐ Students must be able to recite the following prayers: Sign of the Cross, Glory Be, Our Father, Hail Mary, Act of Contrition, and the Nicene Creed no later than 3/22/26. Parents need to help their teens memorize these prayers.
- ☐ Parents must attend two parent sessions on 10/19/25 & 2/15/26. Please see "Parent Expectations Explanation and Schedule." (There are several parent expectations, please read this document ASAP).
- ☐ Parents must watch episodes 1-3 and the first half of episode 4 of the *Symbolon* Part 2 series on Formed and answer the review questions for each episode. Please see "Parent Expectations Explanation and Schedule."
- ☐ Students must participate in a daylong retreat on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30am-6pm. Please take note NOW and clear your calendars for this. Parents are encouraged to join us at the 4pm Mass and the last activity.
- ☐ Parents, teens, & sponsors must attend the Confirmation Mass rehearsal (*tentatively scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm*)
- ☐ Parents, teens, & sponsors must attend the actual Confirmation Mass (*tentatively scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am*).

Please address any questions or concerns to Andy Gotsch at agotsch@saintmichaelchurch.org or 727-379-1558. Thank you for entrusting your teen to us and we look forward to a joyful and Spirit-filled year!

**--Andy Gotsch**

**Please keep this page for your records, print a second copy, sign, date, and return by 9/21/25.**

Print Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## TeamReach Communication App



Please download and create an account for the TeamReach app. Once you have the app set-up, on the main screen, you'll see a place to enter a "Group Code." Enter the group code: **Faith001** This will enroll you in the overall Faith Formation communications. Go back to the main screen and enter group code: **Confirm001** This will enroll you in the Confirmation specific communications. For both of the groups, press the "gear" icon in the upper right corner and make sure that "Push Notifications" is on, indicated by it being green. *I will pretty much be using TeamReach exclusively for communications. It is your responsibility to be up-to-date on what's going on.* Thank you!

## Memorizing Prayers

The teens must memorize these prayers:

- ☐ Sign of the Cross
- ☐ Glory Be
- ☐ Our Father
- ☐ Hail Mary
- ☐ one of the acceptable versions of the Act of Contrition (either Traditional or Alternate)
- ☐ **Nicene** Creed

The sooner the better, but **absolutely no later than Sunday, March 22, 2026**. Parents need to help their teen memorize these prayers, the catechists won't have time in class to do so. It's important to start early and stay consistent with working on these. Over the last three years, there's been too many teens stressing out at the last minute, particularly with the Nicene Creed. The intent is not to stress them out like on a test, but to ensure that they have the basic prayers of our faith in their minds so they can access them for actual prayer times. Please don't allow them to "cram." This will only make them forget as soon as they've "passed."



I cannot recommend using the **Hallow** app enough. If used regularly, it will help your child memorize their prayers much faster. The app allows the user to hear the prayer being read by a warm, human voice and read along while listening, then they can read along aloud while listening. Your child will use THREE senses hearing, reading, and speaking to memorize. I can't imagine an easier way for them to learn. Get it in your app store!



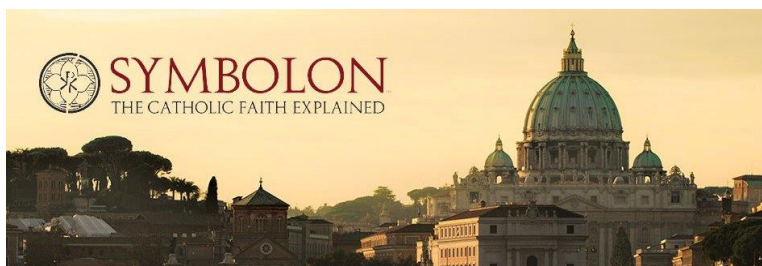
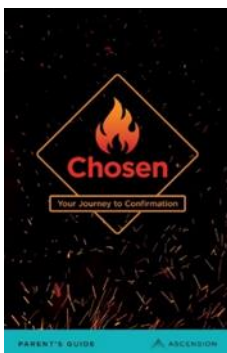
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Scan the QR code, create an account online, then download the app from your app store. Easy!

\*Note this code will not work if someone already is a Hallow Plus subscriber or if they already did a free trial of Hallow\*

**The Free Version of Hallow has all of the prayers your teen needs to memorize.**

## Parent Expectations Explanation and Schedule



The *Chosen: Parent's Guide* is designed to instruct you, the parent, in your integral role with your teen's Confirmation preparation. It is also an opportunity to revisit and rekindle your own faith. The *Guide* includes an overview of a parent's role, guidelines for supporting your child's journey of faith, tips for talking with your child, and more.

A foundation of the *Chosen: Parent's Guide* is to encourage at least nine focused conversations with your teen about the Confirmation process and some of the topics they will be learning. This schedule is designed so that the parent will complete the content of the *Guide* before Thanksgiving and will have the topic conversations right after your teen has learned about the particular topic.

*Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained* is a systematic presentation of our Catholic Faith. It will lead you through the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith and our Creed is the guide. *Symbolon* brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith. You will watch the first 3.5 episodes of *Symbolon* **Part 2: Living the Faith**.

Go to [FORMED.org/signup](https://FORMED.org/signup) Enter 33618 for the zip code and select "St. Paul Catholic Church" for the parish. Enter your name and email. Episode review questions are at the end of this document. They will be the basis for discussion at the Confirmation Parent Sessions.

Please follow the schedule carefully so you can be fully engaged with your teen as they prepare to be Confirmed and so you are prepared to participate in the parent sessions on Sunday, 10/19/25 and Sunday, 2/15/26.

Due By	Page #	Topic or Activity
<input type="checkbox"/> 8/24	v-5.	Welcome to Confirmation Preparation! What is and What happens at Confirmation?
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/7	6-7.	What is the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation?
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/7	7.	How does the <i>Chosen</i> program work to prepare my child for Confirmation?
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/7	8-9.	What is my role as a parent in Confirmation? Preparing your son or daughter for Confirmation.
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/14	24-25.	Your child's <i>Chosen</i> journey. Supporting and encouraging your child.
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/14	26-28.	Conversation 1 (Lessons 1-6) Prepare & Pray <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Baptism Certificate Due in one month on 10/19.</b></li> <li>• <b>If new to St. Michael, affirmation letter from previous parish Due in one month on 10/19.</b></li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/21	29.	<b>Discuss: Conversation Starter 1</b> (Lesson 2 – Discovering God as the Source of Happiness)
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/21	10-11.	Why do we need to attend Mass every week?
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/28		<b>Watch <i>Symbolon</i> Part 2, Episodes 2 &amp; 3: The Eucharist &amp; Walk Through the Mass (73 minutes)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/28		<b>Complete the review questions for Sessions 2 &amp; 3</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/28	33.	<b>Discuss: Conversation Starter 3</b> (Lesson 15 – Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist)
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/5	12.	How can I encourage my child to grow in faith at home?
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/5	14-15.	How should I respond if my child does not want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/5	15.	What if I do not know how to answer a question?

Due By	Page #	Topic or Activity
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/12	16-17.	How can I communicate with my child about Jesus and faith and moral issues?
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/12	29.	<b>Discuss: Conversation Starter 2</b> (Lesson 4 – Understanding Divine Revelation)
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/12	18.	How do I pray with and for my child?
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/12	19-20.	Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor. What qualifications must a ... sponsor have? Can one of my child's godparents be his or her Confirmation sponsor?
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/19	44-46.	Tips for Parents #1-5.
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/19		<b>Baptism Certificate Due.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/19		<b>If new to St. Michael, affirmation letter from previous parish Due.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/19		<b>Please catch-up on what you might be behind on and attend the parent session in PC3. Please bring your answers to the Symbolon review questions for Sessions 2 &amp; 3.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/26	30-32.	Conversation 2 (Lessons 7-17) Prepare & Pray
<input type="checkbox"/> 11/2	29.	<b>Discuss: Conversation Starter 3</b> (Lesson 6 – Discovering the Church Jesus Founded)
<input type="checkbox"/> 11/9	33.	<b>Discuss: Conversation Starter 1</b> (Lesson 7 – A Look at the Last Four Things)
<input type="checkbox"/> 11/9	47-48.	Tips for Parents #6-8.
<input type="checkbox"/> 11/9	21.	What should our family do after Confirmation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Confirmation Saint Form Due in one month on 12/14.</b></li> <li>• <b>Sponsor Form And Sponsor Eligibility Form are Due in one month on 12/14.</b></li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> 11/16		<b>Watch Symbolon Part 2, the first half-of Episode 4: Penance (31 minutes)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 11/16		<b>Complete the review questions for the first half-of Session 4</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 11/30	13.	Why is going to Confession important? What if I have not gone to Confession in a long time?
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/7	33.	<b>Discuss: Conversation Starter 2</b> (Lesson 10 – The Healing Power of Confession)
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/14		<b>Confirmation Saint Form Due.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/14		<b>Sponsor Form And Sponsor Eligibility Form are Due.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2/1	34-36.	Conversation 3 (Lessons 18-24) Prepare & Pray
<input type="checkbox"/> 2/8		<b>Watch Symbolon Part 2, Episode 1: The Sacraments (41 minutes)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2/8		<b>Complete the review questions for Session 1</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2/15		<b>Please catch-up on what you might be behind on and attend the parent session in PC3. Please bring your answers to the Symbolon review questions for Sessions 4 &amp; 1.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2/22		<b>All of the prayers must be fully memorized in a month, by 3/22.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 3/8	36.	<b>Discuss: Conversation Starter 1</b> (Lesson 21 – Building Virtue)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3/8		<b>(Recommended) with your teen, attend our class on “God’s Plan for Love and Sex.”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Confirmation daylong retreat is in one month on 4/11.</b></li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> 3/15	37.	<b>Discuss: Conversation Starter 2</b> (Lesson 22 – God’s Plan for Love and Sex)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3/22		<b>All of the prayers must be fully memorized. This is the last chance to pass with 100%.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 4/11	37.	<b>Discuss: Conversation Starter 3</b> (Lesson 24 – The Faith Journey Continues)
<input type="checkbox"/> 4/11		<b>Bring your teen to the Malin Center for the daylong retreat!</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> After Confirmation Mass	38-40.	Conversation 4 Mystagogy: Life after Confirmation Prepare & Pray
<input type="checkbox"/> After Confirmation Mass	41.	<b>Discuss: Conversation Starter</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>After the Confirmation Mass and after the Conversation Starter on page 41, please text an overall review in the TeamReach app about what you and your teen thought about the whole process, particularly letting me know what we can improve upon. Thank you!</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	49-51.	Additional Catholic Resources, Apostles’ Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be
<input type="checkbox"/>	52-55.	Hail, Holy Queen and The Memorare, The Rosary, The Divine Mercy Chaplet
<input type="checkbox"/>	56-57.	Notes, About the Authors

*\*If you would like to watch more of Symbolon in the approximate order that your teen will be going through Chosen, I can make a schedule that would coordinate the topics. Let me know!*

## Session 2



### THE EUCHARIST SOURCE & SUMMIT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE



1. What does the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist mean? How would you explain to someone how what looks and tastes like bread and wine really is Christ's Body and Blood?
2. What is the relationship between the Eucharist and the Jewish feast of Passover? How might the Passover background shed light on the need to receive Jesus in Holy Communion? How might the Passover background shed light on the Mass as sacrifice?
3. How can the Eucharist be a true sacrifice when Jesus is no longer dying on the Cross, but has been raised from the dead and is seated in Heaven?

4. When you consider that the Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of our Lord, how does that change or deepen your appreciation for the Mass? If you have already received your First Communion, how can you show your love for Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, more fully and completely?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. In the video, we learned some ways to build a closer relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, including visiting him at a Eucharistic Adoration chapel, spending a few minutes after Mass in thanksgiving, and attending daily Mass. What is one way that you could begin to spend more time with Jesus this week?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Reflect on the following quote by St. Thérèse of Lisieux:

***“Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you—for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart...go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love.”***

When you read that Jesus is waiting for you alone, what thoughts come to mind? How can you best respond to this invitation of love? What fears or concerns are holding you back? Can you let them go and “receive the Jesus of peace and love”?



## Session 3



### WALK THROUGH THE MASS

EXPLORING THE SACRED LITURGY



1. What are some examples of words in the Mass that come directly from Scripture? What are some examples that come from the earliest days of the Church?
2. In the video presentation, we learned that in the Mass, Christ's sacrifice is made present. In what ways are we called to unite our lives to Christ's sacrifice made present in the Mass?
3. What would you say to a friend who says it is not necessary to attend Mass every Sunday?

4. Do I come to Mass to receive or to give? What am I doing to prepare my soul for Mass?

5. In the video, we learned some ways to “get more out of the Mass,” including praying in the car on the way to church, listening for a specific point or prayer that particularly touches us, and remaining for a few minutes after Mass to give thanks. What is one thing that you could do this week to prepare for Mass?

6. Reflect on the following quote from St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina:

***“It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass.”***

Prayerfully consider how St. Padre Pio’s statement expresses the importance of the Mass. How does this change the way you view the obligation to attend Mass? How can you more completely give yourself to Jesus at each Mass?

## Session 4



### PENANCE

GOD'S MERCY REVEALED

SYMBOLON  
THE CATHOLIC LITURGICAL MOVEMENT

1. Think of the biblical scene where Peter begins walking on the water but sinks when he takes his eyes off Jesus. How can we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus so that we are not susceptible to sin?
2. According to the presenters, what are the effects of the Sacrament of Penance?
3. Recall the Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery and the story of the prodigal son. What do these stories reveal about God's mercy and his desire to forgive and heal you?
4. Reflect on the following quote from St. John Paul II:

***"Confession is an act of honesty and courage—an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God."***

What is keeping you from encountering Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance more often? Is there something that you need to confess in order to be "restored to health"?



## Session 1



### THE SACRAMENTS BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION



1. What is the traditional definition of a sacrament as given in the video?
2. The sacraments are divided into three groups. What are the three groups, and which sacraments are in each group?
3. What are some of the outward signs and symbols used in Baptism, and what do they represent?

4. Why is it significant that in Confirmation we are anointed with Sacred Chrism?

5. Consider the following quote from St. Diadochos of Photiki:

***“Before holy baptism, grace encourages the soul towards good from the outside, while Satan lurks in its depths, trying to block all the intellect’s ways of approach to the divine. But from the moment that we are reborn through baptism, the demon is outside, grace is within. Thus, whereas before baptism error ruled the soul, after baptism truth rules it.”***

What does it mean that after Baptism “grace is within”? How does the knowledge that through Baptism you have the power and the ability to resist temptation affect you? If you truly acted as if you knew you had that power, how would your life be different from now on?

6. In the video, we heard that the sacraments fill us with Christ’s life and draw us deeper into communion with God. When we want to grow spiritually or morally, we need to go to the sacraments where Jesus waits to heal, sanctify, and restore us. The presenter then asked questions that we must all answer:

Will you make it a priority to frequent the sacraments? Are you willing to make the sacraments an essential part of your life? What can you do to begin to make a frequenting of the sacraments, especially attending Mass, the main emphasis of your life?

### **TIPS FOR CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION SAINT**

Saints are people who have lived holy lives and are now in heaven. Their life stories provide examples for others on how to overcome spiritual obstacles on Earth. As you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation you are asked to choose a saint as your patron/patroness. At your Confirmation you will be confirmed using this name. You may choose your Baptismal name or a canonized saint of the Catholic Church. The saint you choose should reflect a devotion you have to the saint, virtues or gifts to which you aspire, or the patron saint of certain gifts that are dear to you. Please understand that you are choosing a saint to be your inspiration and guide for your whole life, not just for right now. As an example, be mindful that you might not always be playing sports into your thirties, forties, and fifties. St. Sebastian may be great for right now, but will he be that same inspiration and guide later on in life?

1. Pray to the Holy Spirit, and ask him for help in finding a saint whose life you'd like to imitate. This saint will be bonded with you spiritually, and becomes your heavenly patron who intercedes for you before God. He or she wants to help you get to heaven.
2. Don't focus so much on the actual name. Focus more on how they lived and what virtues and qualities they had that you can relate to or you hope to improve upon in your own life. Examples: faith, hope, love, prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance, chastity, kindness, patience, humility, charity, obedience, simplicity, etc.
3. Are there any saints you can relate to that have your first name or middle name?
4. Are there any saints you can relate to whose feast day is the same date as your Baptism...your birth?
5. What are your areas of enjoyment or hobbies? Who is the patron saint of those?
6. Ask someone who knows both you AND God well for suggestions.
7. Pray to the Holy Spirit...again.
8. Narrow your selection down to three or four saints to read and learn more about. Learn as much as you can.
9. Pray to the Holy Spirit...again. Pray to each of the saints you are considering asking them for guidance.
10. Consider the one or two special stories told about those saints on your "short" list to help you find a spiritual connection. For example, St. Maximilian Kobe gave up his life for another person's life in a German concentration camp during World War II, and so showed the virtue of selflessness. St. Francis, a spiritual leader who founded a religious order, led a simple life of poverty and greatly loved animals.
11. Take your list of three or four saints to a family member or friend who is a practicing Catholic. Talk about the saints' lives with that person, and discuss what attracts you spiritually to these holy people. See what they think.
12. Pray to the Holy Spirit...again. Pray to each of the saints you are considering asking them for guidance...again.
13. Make your choice and complete the Confirmation Saint Form and turn it in before January 8, 2023.

Before you are confirmed and for the rest of your life:

1. Pray to your saint. Ask him or her to intercede for you, to help you make the right moral choices, and overall to be a powerful spiritual guide the rest of your life.
2. Buy pictures, holy cards, statues and books associated with your saint. These visual reminders of your saint will regularly help you reflect upon his or her unique virtues.

## CHOOSING YOUR SAINT WORKSHEET TO WORK THROUGH TO HELP YOU DECIDE

(This form is to *help* you choose, it **does not need to be turned-in**. The actual Confirmation Saint Form is due 12/14/25).

Your first name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your middle name: \_\_\_\_\_

Using a Catholic Internet site such as [www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints) or <http://saints.sqpn.com> or [catholicsaints.info](http://catholicsaints.info), list as many saints as you can find that share one of your names.

Your Baptism date: \_\_\_\_\_ Your date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_.

List those saints whose feast day is one of the dates written above:

List the virtues or qualities of life that are important to you or that you would like to improve on in your life.

List as many hobbies or activities as you can think of that are important to you here:

Who are the patron saints for those hobbies or activities? List them here:

Ask someone who knows both you AND God well for suggestions. Who did they suggest?

Now read short biographies of the saints you have listed above until you find a story that inspires you.

Write that saint's name here: \_\_\_\_\_.

Begin your research into this saint's life by finding the following information:

Best known for:

Lifelong Catholic or convert?

Date and circumstance of death:

Virtues exhibited by this saint:

Temptations or struggles faced by this saint:

Pray to the Holy Spirit. Pray to this Saint. Does this Saint seem like a companion or mentor? If not, start again!



SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL - CONFIRMATION SAINT FORM

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation (Saint) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(If Mary is chosen, please specify which patronage title is chosen; example...St. Mary, Queen of Peace)

Saint's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Saint's Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Saint's Liturgical Feast Day: \_\_\_\_\_

This saint is the patron of (could be many things, which speaks to you most):

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This saint is famous for (what did they do to become a saint):

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The virtue which this saint's life illustrates most is: \_\_\_\_\_

The thing that I admire most about this saint is:

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I chose this saint as my Confirmation name because:

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## TIPS FOR CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Look first to one of your Baptismal godparents. Because of the connection between the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, the Church encourages you to invite your godmother or godfather to be your Confirmation sponsor. If that's not possible, you are looking for a person who is:

- faithful to Sunday Mass and to the reception of the sacraments.
- a living witness to the Catholic faith.
- a person of prayer. He or she has spoken about or indicated an understanding of the importance of prayer.
- aware of a Christian's responsibility to follow Jesus in service of others. Someone who donates time or money to help the poor, works with youth, visits the homebound, helps out at the local food pantry, or does other forms of service.
- honest. A person of integrity who is willing to speak up and stand up for what is right even in the face of opposition. A person who encourages you to do the same.
- someone you know well and who knows you well. Someone with whom you will have an on-going relationship.

Did you recognize anyone in the description above? Think about the people in your life: aunts, uncles, older sisters or brothers, a parent of a friend, a neighbor, or a teacher at school. It is a huge privilege to be asked to be a Confirmation sponsor. The person you choose should recognize this and take it seriously. He/she should be your prayer partner and mentor in faith long after the oil of Confirmation has gone from your forehead.

### **The Catholic Church Code of Canon Law (Regarding Sponsors)**

Can. 872 A sponsor helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.

Can. 873 There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

**Can. 874 §1.** To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

1. be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
2. have completed the sixteenth year of age;
3. be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
4. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; \*
5. not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

§2. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.

Can. 892 Insofar as possible, there is to be a sponsor for the person to be confirmed; **the sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament.**

**§2. It is desirable to choose as sponsor the one who undertook the same function in baptism.**

*\*Can. 874 §1. #4: Simply put this means if married, the marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church.*

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The sponsor's duty is to see that the one confirmed acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in this sacrament (Canon 892).

**Sponsor Qualifications** (Canon 874 on the reverse of this page):

To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor, a person must:

1. be 16 years of age or older
2. be fully initiated in the Catholic Church (must have received Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation)
3. be a Catholic in good standing (regularly practices the faith & marriage recognized by the Catholic Church)
4. not be a parent of the individual who is receiving the sacrament

The sponsor must fulfill **ALL** of the conditions listed in Canon 874 (above).

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor's E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Catholic Church where the Sponsor is Registered (see below):** \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic Church's City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

**A Certificate/Letter of Eligibility** is required from the Sponsor's Home Parish (if other than St. Michael).

The Sponsor needs to contact their Home Parish and have their Parish mail them (or me) the Certificate/Letter

This is also due no later than December 14, 2025