



CONFIRMATION 2026 - 2027

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

“... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses...”

Acts 1:8

INVITATION

We welcome you and your family to the Holy Name of Jesus Confirmation Program! At HNJ, all high school teens (9th grade & above) are invited to discern beginning the process of Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation. Teens who begin Confirmation Preparation in Fall of 2026 will be confirmed in November 2027.

How do I know if I am ready?

- I have a desire to walk as a Disciple of Jesus
 - I have a desire for my relationship with the Holy Spirit to be strengthened
 - I am committed to attending weekly Sunday Mass
- (If I am not already attending Mass every Sunday, I am ready now to prioritize this)
- I have a desire to share the gifts God bestows on me in the Church and in the world

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism. Baptism is the beginning of new life and Confirmation is the strengthening of new life. We receive the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-3). Confirmation unites us more firmly to Christ and increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us.

WHY CONFIRMATION PREPARATION?

The Confirmation Preparation process consists of various elements, which provide a framework for supporting youth and the parish as they grow as a faith community. The process includes opportunities for learning, service, and worship, which require sufficient time for growth, reflection, and maturation. The preparation time is essential to the process. Confirmation invites youth to life-long faith formation and to service in ministry. ***It is not a graduation from church!*** It is a beginning, not an end. We look forward to this journey as we explore and enrich our faith together by following Christ and being open to the Holy Spirit.

CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENT EVENTS & ACTIVITIES 2026-2027

MASS

Keep Holy the Lord's Day. **The Eucharistic Liturgy is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Regular Mass attendance is vital to the spiritual growth of every Catholic.** At weekly Mass, teens experience the depths of God's love through the Word, the community, and the Eucharist.

Mass Times @ Holy Name of Jesus are: **Saturday Vigil Mass:** 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:15 am, 8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm, 5 pm

Traveling for the weekend? Visit [masstimes.org](https://www.masstimes.org) to find a Mass near you!

Required Event: Teaching Mass – For Parents & Teens
Wednesday, October 21 @ 6 PM

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

These meetings are held from 10 AM – 11:30 AM on Sundays in the Youth Room on the scheduled dates. These sessions are mandatory – teens that miss a Confirmation class will be required to make-up these sessions, students who miss more than 2 of these meetings will be asked to re-evaluate their commitment to the Preparation Process.

*Confirmation classes are part large group and part small group. In an effort to keep small group size to 6 – 8 teens we ask *all parents to prayerfully consider co-facilitating a small group.* The required meeting dates are:

Spring 2027 Dates

January 24, February 21, March 14, April 18

(Please note there will be 4 additional classes in Fall 2027. Dates TBA.)

LIFE NIGHTS

Sunday evening Life Nights create an environment that meets the spiritual, educational, social and emotional needs of today's teens. Teens grow as a faith community, increasing in understanding of what it means to be young and Catholic in today's world. Through the Mass and Life Nights, high school teens learn more about their Catholic faith and grow to love the Sacraments, the Word, and the Mass. *All high school students should regularly attend Life Nights as part of their ongoing Faith Formation, Sundays after 5 PM Mass from 6 pm - 8 pm. Please note while in the Confirmation Program a **minimum attendance of one Life Night each month is required for all Confirmation students.***

RETREAT

Candidates will be required to attend one retreat offered by the Youth Ministry Program. The retreat options are:

Spring Retreat: Feb. 26 - 28, 2027 Lake Aurora Christian Camp in Lake Wales, FL

Summer Retreat: June 18 - 20, 2027 Steubenville Florida in Orlando

EXALT

Join us for a night of Adoration, praise and worship with a guest speaker. Event is open to all ages. Teen & Parent attend one Exalt together in Fall 2026, Thursdays at 7 PM in the Church on the following dates:

September 17, October 15, November 19

*Please be sure to sign-in with Margie in the back of the church when you attend

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY PRESENTATION

This event is focused on sharing the Good News of the Theology of the Body with our young people & parents. Event Date: **Sunday, January 31, 2027 from 5 PM - 8 PM (includes Mass), Guest Speakers: Tanner & Ali Kalina**

WORKS OF MERCY PROJECT

As Christians we are called to serve one another, to be the hands and feet of Christ to those in need. In Spring 2027 we will have several Works of Mercy project opportunities available including a one-day event @ HNJ with Alive in You on **Saturday, April 3**. For a Mission Trip opportunity that counts as the 'Works of Mercy' Project teens can attend Alive in You in Summer 2027 (*June 8 - 13 in Atlanta*).

CHOOSING A SPONSOR

The Confirmation Sponsor represents the faith community at the Rite of Confirmation. This person symbolizes the support of the entire Body of Christ for you in your life as a disciple. The sponsor whom you choose joins your parents and family in journeying with you throughout the Confirmation Preparation Period. Sponsor must be selected by September 2027 (earlier is encouraged). Sponsors must be a confirmed Catholic who is 16 or older and actively practicing their Catholic faith. The sponsor cannot be a parent.

CHOOSING A SAINT NAME

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we choose a name to be confirmed under. This should be the name of a saint who models for us what it truly means to pursue and live holiness. In September 2027 you will be asked to choose your saint name and write a reflection paper. However, it's never too early to choose your saint and begin asking for his/her intercession as you seek to live a life of holiness each day.

CONFIRMATION 2026-27

Important Event Meeting Dates & Times

Ongoing Commitment: Sunday Mass, Life Nights & Family Prayer!

FALL 2026

Register for Faith Formation / Life Teen for the 2026 - 2027 School Year
Pastoral Parish Intake (*record keeping site*)

<https://app.pastoralparish.com/intake/confirmation-DYogIH6M>

September 17, October 15 or November 19: Exalt, 7 PM

October 21: Teaching Mass, 6 PM

Ongoing: Attend Sunday evening Life Nights at minimum once a month

SPRING / SUMMER 2027

January 24: Confirmation Class, 10 AM

January 31: Parent/Teen Theology of the Body 5 PM - 8 PM

February 21: Confirmation Class, 10 AM

Feb. 26 - 28: Life Teen Spring Retreat

March 14: Confirmation Class, 10 AM

April 3: Alive in You Service Day @ HNJ

(other Works of Mercy Opportunities will also be announced for March/April)

April 18: Confirmation Class, 10 AM

Ongoing: Attend Sunday evening Life Nights at minimum once a month

Summer Opportunities

June 8 - 13, 2027: Alive in You in Atlanta, GA (Weeklong Service/Mission Trip)

June 18 - 20, 2020: Steubenville Florida Retreat (Orlando)

FALL 2027

Register for the New School Year with Faith Formation / Life Teen

Submit Copy of Baptismal Certificate (if not baptized @ HNJ)

4 Sunday Confirmation classes (Dates TBD)

Submit Saint & Sponsor Information

Submit Bishop and Pastor Letters

NOVEMBER 2027

Confirmation Rehearsal & Reconciliation Service (Teens & Sponsors, Date TBD)

Confirmation Mass: Sunday, November 14, 2027 at 5 PM

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