

Confirmation Program 2026/27

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Confirmation: Wednesday, April 21, 5 pm

Please gather in the cafeteria at 4:15 pm.

Practice with Sponsor: Tuesday, April 20, 6pm. Please gather in the cafeteria.

Dress Code: "Sunday Best"

Gentlemen: Khakis or dress pants, button-down shirt, tie, socks, dress shoes, jacket optional. **Ladies:** Dress/skirt - must reach tips of fingers, conservative hem and neckline, straps must be a minimum 1" wide or covered with a sweater or jacket, dress shoes (no stilettos, please)

Note: *Anyone needing help purchasing attire can receive assistance by calling Fr. Joe or Fr. Bill. All information is confidential.*

Sponsors: Please advise sponsors on the dress code.

Phones: Students are asked to leave phones in the car or with parents during Mass.

Confirmation Questions: Please raise your hand to answer a question. When called on, stand, address. Father Joe, then answer the question.

Certificates: Will be handed out after Mass. They will be on the table in the Narthex.

Confirmation:

Candidate: Hand your Confirmation name card to Bishop Bambara's assistant

Bishop Bambara: _____ be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit

Candidate: Amen

Father Joe: Peace be with you

Candidate: And with your spirit

Mass/Confession Times

Saint Mary's Help of Christians: 5:30pm Saturday, 9am Sunday/

Confession Saturdays 4:30-5:15

Saint Jude Parish: 4pm Saturday, 8:30 and 11am Sunday/

Confession Mondays 5:30-7pm

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Confirmation Questions

1. What is Confirmation:

Confirmation is a sacrament in which the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way to make us strong and perfect Christians and witnesses of Jesus Christ.

2. What is a Sacrament?

A sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.

3. How many Sacraments are there?

There are seven Sacraments:

Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation

Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick

Sacraments of Service and Commitment: Matrimony and Holy Orders

4. Who is the ordinary minister of Confirmation?

The Bishop is the ordinary minister of Confirmation.

5. How does the Bishop confer the Sacrament of Confirmation?

The Bishop extends his hands over those to be Confirmed and prays that the Holy Spirit may descend upon them and anoint the forehead of each with Holy Chrism.

6. What is Holy Chrism?

Holy Chrism is a mixture of olive oil and balm blessed by the Bishop on Holy Thursday or any day during Holy Week. It is Tuesday in the Diocese of Scranton.

7. What are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit gives seven gifts: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.

8. What name are you taking for Confirmation, why, and tell me something about that Saint? (Feast Day? Patron Saint of?)

9. Tell me about your service projects.

10. Who is your parish named for? What do you know about that Person?

Feast day? Saint Jude - October 28 Our Lady Help of Christians-May 24

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11. *What is Grace?* Grace is the gift of God's life and love that makes you holy and helps us live holy lives

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