



## **CONFIRMATION 2026**

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Faith Formation Department

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## Introduction

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation takes place concurrently with the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade level curriculum in both the after-school Faith Formation Program and in Immaculate Conception School. A portion of this sacrament preparation takes place at home and requires the participation of parents and Confirmation sponsor.

For students that have been formally catechized, confirmation is the final step in the initiation process, followed by Baptism and Eucharist. Like all sacraments other than baptism, confirmation is a sacrament only given by the free-will of the candidate. Students of this age group, who have already been confirmed, are invited to revisit the sacrament by taking part in the process. Though these students may not be re-confirmed, they may take part in the activities and gatherings that may ultimately strengthen their faith commitment.

Candidates will meet throughout the preparation process. Most gatherings are within the context of the faith formation program or school religion class, other gatherings require group activities, and some gatherings happen within the context of the mission field or Domestic Church. Candidates are asked to enter into the process with an open mind and open heart so that the Spirit may do the work called upon by Jesus.

## Policy

After completing a program of catechetical preparation, and with the approval of the pastor, candidates may celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. At Immaculate Conception, we celebrate this Sacrament in the spring of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.

All candidates must be currently enrolled in a faith formation program or catholic school and must have successfully completed two consecutive years of religious studies.

It is mandated in the policy and procedure Manual of the Archdiocese of Detroit that parental catechesis be offered to assist parents and sponsors in their role as models for the candidates. For this reason, parents and sponsors are to attend specific sessions with the candidates. Dates are listed in the current year's calendar.

It is expected that candidates attend all sacramental preparation sessions and complete all assignments both written and otherwise on time.

If for some reason a candidate must be absent, parental notice must be given. If notice is not given, it will be considered an unexcused absence and reception of the sacrament may be delayed.

**No more than 2 absences are allowed in the Faith Formation program, and no more than a total of 2 weeks absences are allowed in the Catholic School.**

## **What is My Role?**

### **The role of those to be confirmed**

Those to be confirmed must be suitably instructed and properly disposed. They must be willing to be involved in the preparation process with the intent of remaining faithful in Christ and the church.

### **The role of the parents**

You play a primary role as you help your child grow in faith and prepare for the reception of the sacrament. Your attendance is required at gatherings and within the Sunday assembly (Mass). Your involvement, interest and concern make a difference in your child's perception of what this sacrament and the Christian life are all about.

### **Role of the sponsor**

With the assistance of the parents, the candidate is to pick a suitable sponsor. It is recommended that the sponsor also be a godparent. This option would express more clearly the tie between baptism and Confirmation. Candidates are to comply with the guidelines for the sponsor elsewhere in the handbook. A parent may not be a sponsor for his or her own child.

Sponsors take on a life-long commitment to help the candidates fulfill their obligation to the sacrament. Sponsors are to take an active role in the preparation process and meet with their candidate on a regular basis.

## **Parental Support for the Candidate**

The National Catechetical Directory of Catholics in the United States states, “Parents are the first and foremost catechists of their children” (212). As the candidate progresses through the preparation process, there are opportunities for you to be their primary educator.

- Discuss the preparation materials and help your child learn their prayers, and teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Help in carrying out activities, especially those that pertain to family.
- Attend community service projects with your candidate.
- Witness to your own faith.
- Pray with your children.

As your child struggles to clarify their own convictions, attitudes, morals and values, parents are their chief models. Faith is caught more than taught. In undertaking more seriously your role of preparing your teenager for Confirmation, consider these questions.

- Do I keep the lines of communication open?
- Do I take time for private and communal prayer? Do I attend Mass regularly?
- Do I actively participate in the sacramental life of the church?
- Do I stay updated on the changes in the church?
- Do I give loving service both in and outside my family?
- Am I involved in parish activities as much as I can be?

## **Questions most frequently asked**

### **What if we cannot attend all the gatherings and activities?**

It is expected that those involved in the preparation process will be at each event. In case of illness or other situations, please refer to the policy page in the handbook or contact the Director of Faith Formation.

### **What if the candidate doesn’t want to be confirmed, but I (the parents) want them to?**

The sacrament may only be given when the candidate consents to it. It is the role of the confirmation coordinator to arrange a meeting with the candidate and their parents to discuss any issues.

**Does my child have to be confirmed at this time?** No. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a vow that the candidate makes before the Bishop, Priest and the assembly. It is a life-long commitment to live out their Christian faith in every aspect of their life. Not all youth this age is ready to make this type of commitment at this time in their life. Through the interview process, we can better determine if an individual is ready/willing to begin the preparation process. All individuals are invited to go through this process, and at any time may decide that this is not what they want right now. This is not the only time an individual has the opportunity to be confirmed.

**I'm not sure my child is ready to be confirmed at this time.**

All candidates are individuals. This may not be the time for them to be confirmed, but we won't know until we arrange a meeting and sit down and talk about where the candidate is on their faith journey, and maybe even where the parents or family are at this time. Remember that faith formation is a lifelong journey that begins with Baptism and may continue after we die.

**I want my child to be confirmed so they can get married in the Catholic Church.**

Unless your child is to be married within the year, there is no need to worry about this now. There is the opportunity for an individual to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at least 2-3 times a year.

**What happens after Confirmation?**

After Confirmation, the newly confirmed are encouraged to get involved within their parish through youth activities, liturgy ministries, involvement through administrating on council or commissions, working in Faith Formation, or many other short-term projects. Don't wait for someone to call you, if the spirit is moving you in a certain direction, go for it!

**We don't belong to this parish, but my child wants to be confirmed with their friends.**

Because sacraments are communal events, they should take place within the assembly of your own parish community. If you attend Faith Formation or Catholic School with us, we do offer the opportunity for you to celebrate with us. A letter of permission will be required from your home pastor as well as a two-year commitment to our program.

## **Choosing A Sponsor**

“Sponsors take on a lifelong commitment to help their candidate fulfill the obligation of this sacrament. During the time of preparation, the sponsor is to take an active role in the confirmation program and meet with their candidate on a regular basis.”

A godparent is always a good choice provided they meet the requirements listed below and have truly journeyed with the candidates in their faith life this far. Choosing a godparent, expresses more clearly the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation.

### **A Catholic Sponsor must...**

- **Be at least 16 years of age and not the child's parent.**
- **Have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.**
- **Attends Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days and receives the Sacraments of the church regularly.**
- **Be an active and registered member of a Catholic Parish, contributing time, talent and treasure.**
- **Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.**
- **(If married): has entered into a valid, sacramental marriage as determined by the Catholic Church**

**Sacramental Sponsor Forms are to be completed by the sponsor and returned to the Faith Formation Office no later than ...**

**DUE DATE JUNE 10**

## **Rite of Enrollment**

This blessing takes place in the context of Mass. It gives the assembly the opportunity to acknowledge, affirm and pray for the candidates. It is through the actions of those preparing for the reception of sacraments that allows the church community to be renewed.

The enrollment of candidates is a time when the participants agree to move on in the preparation process. They agree to open their hearts and respond to the Spirit. This is a time not only to grow in faith but to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

**The Enrollment Mass will take place during Mass.  
Please see the Confirmation Calendar for the date and time**

When you arrive in Church, please pick up a red Rite of Enrollment & Commitment form. When the time comes after the homily, you will be asked to sign this commitment form as well as your parents and sponsor.

**Your sponsor is asked to attend this Enrollment Mass as they will witness this new beginning of your journey in faith.**

## **Confirmation Name And Saint Report**

As part of the preparation for confirmation, candidates are to choose a confirmation name. This name is to be the name of a saint.

The name a candidate chooses should suit them. For example, someone who likes music may choose St. Cecelia, someone who is interested in science or medicine may choose St. Elizabeth or St. Luke. The candidates may find that the patron saint for whom they were named after says more about them than any other name at baptism.

After picking a saint's name, candidates are to research their saint and write a saint report in their own words following the rubric below. Rough drafts of the saint report will be worked on during one or two class periods. Bring your rough draft to class when instructed by your catechist.

**Rough drafts are due in mid-October.**

**The final copy is due November 1<sup>st</sup> - All Saints Day.**

### **Rubric:**

- **Know about the life of your chosen saint.**
- **What attracted you to his or her life?**
- **What sort of life did they live?**
- **When did they live and die?**
- **What is their conversion story? What lead them to follow Jesus?**
- **What virtues did your saint practice in his or her life?**
- **How is your saint a role model for you and Christians today?**

Reports should be a page and a half, double spaced. Please place your name under your chosen saint's name. Fr. Joe will use this report on the day of your interview.



## How To Earn Community Service



### What is the purpose of a Confirmation Service Project?

The purpose of Service during Confirmation preparation is to demonstrate the close relationship between faith and action by participating in the apostolic and charitable works of the Church, especially works of mercy.

### How many hours do you need for Confirmation?

Enough to change the world!! We encourage the candidates to reach at least 15 hours of service or beyond! This habit can help identify, develop and place his/her gifts and talents at the service of others.

### When are my required hours due?

- Monthly until required hours are completed.

### Confirmation Requirements

- July Parish Festival or Community Fundraiser Event
- Children's Liturgy of the Word – call the Faith Formation Office to sign up.
- Volunteer at a parish event
- Group Project - A Christmas for Anchor Bay (Christmas food gift)
- Group Project with sponsor– Fr. Solanus Center
- Lenten Fish Frys – See Confirmation Calendar for dates
- \*With your sponsor, attend Mass with Adoration following (min.30 minutes adoration)

### Additional Confirmation Service Hour Ideas

- Talk to our youth minister, Laura Somogy, to learn about service opportunities
- Contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society, K of C, or other parish groups
- Check the bulletin for service opportunities
- Coach or teach a sport to younger children
- Tutor in afterschool programs
- Volunteer for parish events not listed above
- Offer services for no pay, such as gardening, mowing, shoveling, cleaning, or babysitting to either a neighbor or friend
- Organize a fundraiser such as a food, clothing, or supplies drive for a particular local or international mission
- Volunteer at local homeless shelters or soup kitchen
- Visit the sick or elderly in hospitals or nursing home
- Dedicate an hour to Forty Days for Life
- Ask the Faith Formation office if they have projects in the afternoon/evening or on weekends

- Start or participate in a group dedicated to raising awareness about a Catholic teaching or cause e.g., pro-life groups
- Volunteer with Catholic Charities or Catholic Relief Services
- Create several cards for someone becoming Catholic, celebrating First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation, for residents at The Village of East Harbor, people who receive Holy Communion at home (because they are unable to get to Church)
- Donate a Christmas or Easter Dinner for a less fortunate family
- Donate to Habitat for Humanity
- Gather clothing from your neighbors and donate it to a local shelter
- Make "I Care" kits with combs, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. for the homeless

*\*These are just a few ideas – the list is endless!*

**What is not for Confirmation service hours:**

- Anything you are paid for.
- Responsibilities already expected of you at home or ministries you have volunteered for. Examples: household chores, babysitting, altar serving, etc.

**SERVICE PROJECTS ARE TO BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31ST**

For your reference:

Project #	Date	Hours	Name of Project
Required			
Required			
Required			
Required			
Required			
Required			
Required			
Other			
Other			
Other			

**During the months of June, July and August, please turn all forms into the Parish Office. USE DROP BOX IF NECESSARY.**

**Beginning in September, please turn all forms into your catechist/teacher.**

## Service Project for Confirmation



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours Spent: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe what you did and who you did it for. \*Use the back of page if needed.

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How did this person or group react to your service?

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How did you feel doing this service project? Did this service project change you? Explain.

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Signature of service recipient or parent \_\_\_\_\_

All service projects need to be completed no later than **March 31st**. Consider doing two per month.  
All service slips are to be turned into the Faith Formation Office. Thank you!

## **REFLECTIONS ON THE SUNDAY MASS**

**(One written reflection per month)**

The Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life.  
(*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2177)

Each candidate is asked to complete one Mass Reflection Sheet each month beginning in June.

This reflection is based on the Sunday liturgy. Candidates are asked questions such as what was the liturgical color? What Church did you attend? What was the priest's name? What was the Gospel reading about? Name one thing Father or Deacon spoke about in their homily that stood out to you? How can you live out or apply this message to your daily life this week? What are two things that you think God wants you to take away from this week's message (homily)?

These forms are to be turned in by the first of the following month beginning in June. For example, the June requirement will be due July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**Beginning in September, please turn all forms into your catechist/teacher.**

**REFLECTIONS ON THE SUNDAY MASS**

**MONTHLY REQUIREMENT**

**(THIS REFLECTION IS DUE BY 1<sup>ST</sup> OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH)**

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Candidates Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Attended: \_\_ Saturday \_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Mass Time

Church Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Priest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Who attended with you? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the liturgical color? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the Gospel reading about? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Name one thing Father or Deacon spoke about in their homily that stood out to you?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tell me one way you can apply this message to your life today?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is God's message to you through these readings?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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## REFLECTIONS ON ADORATION

### REQUIREMENT

**(THIS REFLECTION IS DUE BY 1<sup>ST</sup> OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH)**

Adoration is a type of prayer that includes a profound expression of love, awe, and respect for God.  
This type of prayer is often practiced in the presence of the Eucharist. (CCC1378, 2628)

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

How long did you experience Adoration? \_\_\_\_\_

Who attended with you? (Sponsors Name) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you feel during Adoration? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

What struck you most about sitting alone with Jesus during Adoration? \_\_\_\_\_

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How do you feel about God calling you into a deeper relationship with him and to a life of holiness?

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Was this a powerful prayer experience for you? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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How hard is it for you to relate to, imagine, or accept God's unconditional love? Why?

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## [Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament](#)

### **Things to do during Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God. Fr Benedict Groeschel points out in “In the Presence of Our Lord: The History, Theology, and Psychology of Eucharistic Devotion” that there are ‘four kinds of prayer most appropriate in the presence of the Eucharist, namely adoration and praise, thanksgiving, repentance, and trusting intercession.’ Here are suggestions what to do during private Eucharistic adoration.

#### **1. PRAY THE PSALMS OR THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

Whether you are praising, giving thanks, asking for forgiveness, or seeking an answer, you’ll find an appropriate psalm. The ancient prayer of the Church called the Liturgy of the Hours presents an excellent way to pray through the Book of Psalms throughout the year.

#### **2. RECITE THE “JESUS PRAYER”**

Say “Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner”, repeatedly as you quiet your heart and mind.

#### **3. MEDITATE USING SCRIPTURE**

Choose a passage from the Bible. Read the words and ask God to let the passage speak to you. Pay special attention to anything that strikes you and ask God what He wishes for you to draw from that passage.

#### **4. READ THE LIFE OF A SAINT AND PRAY WITH HIM OR HER**

Most holy men and women have a great devotion to Our Lord in the Eucharist. Therese of Lisieux, Catherine of Siena, Francis of Assisi, Thomas Aquinas, Peter Julian Eymard, Dorothy Day, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Baroness Catherine de Hueck are just a few. Read about them and pray their prayers before the Blessed Sacrament.

#### **5. POUR OUT YOUR HEART TO CHRIST AND ADORE HIM**

Speak to Jesus, aware that you are in His presence, and tell Him all that comes to your mind. Listen for His response. Pray the prayer that St Francis instructed his brothers to pray whenever they were before the Blessed Sacrament: “I adore you, O Christ, present here and in all the churches of the world, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”

#### **6. ASK FOR FORGIVENESS AND INTERCEDE FOR OTHERS**

Think of those who have hurt you and request a special blessing for them. Ask God to forgive you for all the times you have neglected or hurt someone else. Bring before the Blessed Sacrament all those who have asked you to pray for them. Ask the Lord to address their concerns.

#### **7. PRAY THE ROSARY**

Pope John Paul II reminds us, “...is not the enraptured gaze of Mary as she contemplated the face of the newborn Christ and cradled him in her arms that unparalleled model of love which should inspire us every time, we receive Eucharistic Communion?” (The Church and the Eucharist, 55) Ask Mary to join you as you gaze on Christ in the Eucharist and as you pray the Rosary.

#### **8. SIT QUIETLY AND JUST “BE” IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Think of a visit to the Blessed Sacrament as coming to see your best friend. Sit quietly and enjoy being in each other’s company. Instead of talking to the Lord, try listening to what He wants to tell you.

## **Preparation Materials**

The goal of our preparation materials is to show young people how to be receptive and responsive to the graces and challenges of the Sacrament of Confirmation. They learn that it is a sacrament that binds them more intimately to the church and obliges them more firmly to be witnesses to Christ by word and deed and to spread and defend the faith. They become more aware of this presence and action of the Spirit and the gifts within them, which empowers them to live as Jesus did. They discover ways to fulfill the specific responsibilities that are theirs as Christians.

This time of preparation will help you in making the preparation process a more meaningful experience for all involved, and through study it will grace them with the knowledge and attitudes necessary for the lifelong process of conversion in Christ.

Each candidate will receive a gift at the time of enrollment. This gift will be used during our time together. During this time, it is extremely important that everyone involved attend Mass on a regular basis and attend Holy Days of Obligation and other Mass offerings.

**It is a requirement that they do not miss more than 2 days of Faith Formation or two weeks cumulative of Catholic Education.**

**It is a requirement that they attend Sunday Mass regularly.**

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**If your family is not registered at Immaculate Conception Parish, Ira Twp, MI and your child is currently attending our Faith Formation program or Catholic School, you are welcome to prepare with us and/or celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with us.**

**If so, we will need written permission from your pastor where you hold membership. The letter can be mailed to the Faith Formation Office at 7043 Church Rd., Ira, MI 48023 to the attention of Mrs. Tina Kovalcik, DRE or emailed to [kovalcik@iccatholic.org](mailto:kovalcik@iccatholic.org)**



## Confirmation Retreat

Throughout the preparation process, most of the activities and gatherings have been done in a group setting with parents and sponsors. This event allows the candidates to be one on one with themselves and their peers to look back and reflect on their faith and preparation journey.

The candidates will be taking an in-depth look at the gifts of the Holy Spirit and our retreat master will be asking the candidates questions such as how is the Holy Spirit working within them, and why do they want to be confirmed at this time? Small group activities & discussions, reflections, faith sharing and banner preparation for the day of celebration will be done during this retreat.

**The retreat fee for candidate and sponsor is \$15.00 and is due by November 1st.**

This fee will cover snacks, banner materials and retreat master.

**This retreat is mandatory.** If for some reason you cannot attend ours, you will need to attend elsewhere.

## Letter to the Bishop

Candidates are asked to write a formal letter to the confirming Bishop requesting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In this letter, you will tell the Bishop:

- ☐ A little about yourself
- ☐ Where you go to school
- ☐ A little about your family
- ☐ What you have done to prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation
- ☐ Why you want to be fully initiated in the Catholic faith.
- ☐ Share something about our confirmation retreat experience; perhaps something that stood out to you or moved you in a new direction.
- ☐ Share something that you learned from doing community service
- ☐ Your saint's name and why you chose it.
- ☐ Close your letter with a request to receive the sacrament.
- ☐ Sign your letter.

Be sure to proofread your letter before submitting it to your catechist/teacher. Final copies will be given to Fr. Joe, and he will be referring to this letter, as well as the saint report, at the scheduled interview time. The Office of Faith Formation will mail the letters to the Bishop.

These letters will be due on **February 14<sup>th</sup>**

## **Interview with Father Joe**

In approximately February/March, Fr. Joe will offer dates for interviews. **Candidates** will need to attend this 10-minute interview. **You will meet in Fr. Joe's Office which is located in the Parish Office, 9764 Dixie Hwy.**

Father will ask various questions regarding confirmation. This is where the candidate will be able to express why they would like to be confirmed, how they are living the Corporal Works of Mercy, how the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will guide them in their lives and more.

### **Let's talk a minute about clothing expectations for Confirmation**

It is a time when you dress WELL. Not trendy. Not promish; even a bit more than Sunday best.

#### **YOUNG MEN**

Suit coats are not required but dress shirt, tie and dress pants are. A sweater is also appropriate with a shirt and tie. Dress shoes and socks.

#### **YOUNG WOMEN**

Pants for girls are appropriate as long as they are not tight or hip revealing. No off the shoulder tops. No above the knee, conspicuously short skirts. Nothing flashy. No sleeveless or spaghetti straps otherwise a jacket is required. Dress shoes, socks or nylons.

*I have a picture in my mind of a group of young people being photographed with the President of the United States for an award or some honor. One of the girls was wearing flip-flops and spaghetti strap top. It was not a huge dress mistake, but it was unfortunately obvious.*

This day is a powerful sacramental experience for you and our whole community. As if you were standing before God and accepting the Catholic faith, dress the part. Let your holiness be what shows...and make yourself proud as I have been of you so many times!!

## **Confirmation Rehearsal**

### **Rehearsal for the candidate and sponsor is mandatory.**

**The rehearsal** is for the candidates and sponsors. If your sponsor cannot attend, please notify the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible.

If your sponsor is unable to attend the Rite of Confirmation, you need to let Mrs. Kovalcik know about this immediately so that we can obtain a proxy to stand in for your sponsor.

**Rehearsal** for the Confirmation Liturgy will take place one or two days before the Confirmation Liturgy. We will begin with a light dinner and rehearsal will immediately follow.

At this time candidates and sponsors will be assigned seats, we will go over the Liturgy and walk through the actual reception of the sacrament. We will also review any special instructions for the Mass.

It is customary for siblings of the candidates, who are trained altar servers, to serve the Liturgy. If you are interested in taking an active role, please notify the Director of Religious Education at least two months prior to the celebration. Selected ministers will be given information and any special instructions at the time of rehearsal.

## **Confirmation Mass and Seating**

Each Confirmandi will have one reserved pew. Depending on comfortability, our pews seat 8-10 people. Confirmandi and sponsor are to be included in this reserved pew. Other guests are welcome to sit in the open seating areas behind the reserved pews.

Please do not take pictures or videos during the Confirmation Liturgy. This is Mass; the focus should be on God's Word and the Eucharist. Any moving around or flash shots may infringe on the assembly's ability to give their undivided attention where it should be. There will be plenty of opportunities for pictures after Mass.

Please discard any gum or candy from your mouth before entering the church. Please remember to honor the one hour communal fast.

## GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Through Jesus in the Sacrament of Baptism, we receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit which are sealed in us in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Wisdom** helps us to recognize the importance of others and the importance of keeping God central in our lives.

**Understanding** is the ability to comprehend the meaning of God's message.

**Knowledge** is the ability to think about and explore God's revelation, and to recognize that there are mysteries of faith beyond us.

**Right Judgment or Counsel** is the ability to see the best way to follow God's plan when we have choices to make.

**Courage or Fortitude** is the courage to do what one knows is right

**Reverence or Piety** helps us pray to God in true devotion

**Wonder and Awe** is the feeling of amazement before God, who is all-present, and whose friendship we do not want to lose.

## FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LOVE	PEACE	JOY	PATIENCE
KINDNESS	FAITHFULNESS	GOODNESS	GENTLENESS
SELF-CONTROL	GENEROSITY	MODESTY	CHASTITY

## Important Dates 2025-2026 Confirmation Calendar

May 29, 2025	6:30pm Church	Parent/Candidate Gathering
June 10, 2025		Sponsor Form due
July 1, 2025		June Mass Reflection due & Confirmation Requirement
August 1, 2025		July Mass Reflection due
September 1, 2025		August Mass Reflection due & Confirmation Requirement
September 15, 2025	6:30pm - MPR	Parent/Candidate Session #1
September 28, 2025	12pm	Confirmation Enrollment Mass (Candidate, Parent & Sponsor)
October 1, 2025		September Mass Reflection due & Confirmation Requirement
October 1, 2025		Solanus Casey Center field trip money due
October 25, 2025	9:00am - 2pm	Fr. Solanus Casey Center (Field trip) \$5 student/\$10 adult
November 1, 2025		Saint reports due – final copy. \$15 Retreat fee due.
November 1, 2025		October Mass Reflection due & Confirmation Requirement
November 17, 2025	6:30pm MPR	Parent/Candidate Session #2
December 1, 2025		November Mass Reflection due & Confirmation Requirement
January 1, 2026		December Mass Reflection due & Confirmation Requirement
January 11, 2026	9:45am- 1pm PH	Candidate/Sponsor Confirmation Retreat - mandatory
February 1, 2026		January Mass Reflection due & Confirmation Requirement
February 14, 2026		Letter to the Bishop – final copy due
March 1, 2026		February Mass Reflection due & Confirmation Requirement
February 27, 2026	Time TBA	Fish Fry help - sign up on parish website when its available
March 20, 2026	Time TBA	Fish Fry help - sign up on parish website when its available
March 16, 2026	6:30pm MPR	Sponsor/Candidate Session #3
March 31, 2026		All Service Hours completed & turned in
Date: TBA	Parish Office	Interview with Fr. Joe
Date: TBA	5:30pm - PH	Mandatory Confirmation Rehearsal with Sponsors
Date: TBA		Confirmation Ceremony

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