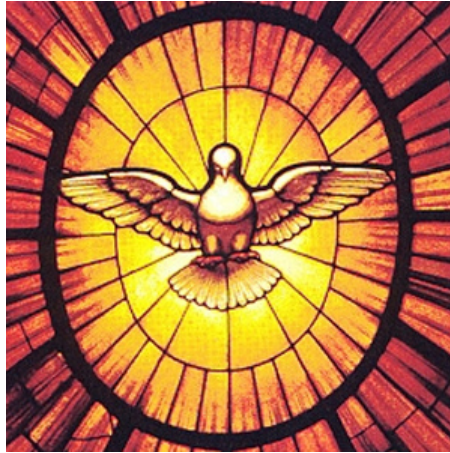


Holy Family Parish High School Confirmation 2026-2027

Confirmation is one of the Sacraments of Initiation and the beginning of a new chapter in your journey as a follower of Jesus Christ. With your cooperation, this Sacrament will allow the Holy Spirit to be fully alive within you and bring new gifts into the world through you.



According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Confirmation will:

- Increase and deepen the grace you received at your Baptism
- Root you more deeply as a son or daughter of God the Father
- Unite you more firmly to Christ
- Increase the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit in you
- Strengthen your bond with the Church

It is expected that candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take their preparation seriously. After all, you are preparing not to “graduate” from the Catholic Church but to live your life as a formed disciple of Jesus Christ.

At Holy Family Parish we expect that Confirmation candidates will:

- Attend Mass every Sunday and on holy days of obligation
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once before your Confirmation
- Cultivate a habit of daily prayer
- Attend all Confirmation group sessions and retreat
- Participate in one of the service/food preparation days for the Peter Maurin Center. Sign-ups are already available for the various sessions.
- Attend 3 LifeTeen events before Confirmation to begin further life and participation in the Church
- Be respectful to your small group leaders and fellow candidates

If you do not meet these expectations, you indicate to the Church that you are not ready to commit to a life of discipleship. In such a case, the youth minister or a priest may counsel you to wait to receive the Sacrament.

Please attend to the following items by **September 13th, 2026**

- **NEW/Updated Copy of Baptismal Certificate** (if not baptized at Holy Family)* (you must call the parish of Baptism and request a new/updated copy be sent to us, if you need assistance with this please contact Mrs. Kathy Chadsey chadsey@holyfamilystow.org or Mrs. Meghan Kiel kiel@holyfamilystow.org)
- **Candidate Commitment Form** (see last page) teens can bring this to the first session or email it to Mrs. Meghan Kiel kiel@holyfamilystow.org
- **Materials fee of \$40**** (Can be paid through check to parish office or given directly to Meghan Kiel at a session. Please place in an envelope with name and Confirmation fee on it)

If you have any questions about Confirmation preparation, please contact us. Be assured of our prayers as you begin the journey toward Confirmation.

In Christ,

Meghan Kiel, Youth Minister (330) 688-6412 x271 kiel@holyfamilystow.org

Kathy Chadsey, Secretary chadsey@holyfamilystow.org

*To obtain a copy of your baptismal certificate, call the parish where you were baptized and ask the office staff to send a certificate with the parish seal to the Holy Family Rectory Office at 3450 Sycamore Drive, Stow, OH 44224.

**If this fee is a financial burden, please let us know. Checks may be made payable to Holy Family Parish, please put Confirmation material fee in the memo line.

Holy Family Parish Confirmation **2026-2027 Important Dates**

*Teens only need to sign up for ONE Peter Maurin Session the whole year. If there is availability they can do more than one session.

** teens can choose this service session after Confirmation if necessary or as a makeup day. They are expected to attend even though they will have received Confirmation by then.

Event	Date	Time	Place
Peter Maurin Center (PMC) serving session *	Sunday, July 19th, 2026	10-2:30pm	Meet in Lower Church Hall (LCH) Peter Maurin Center (PMC), Akron
Parent/Guardian Meeting	Tuesday, August 18th, 2026	7:00pm-8:30pm	LCH
Registration Closes	Tuesday, August 18th, 2026	--	online
Teen Meet and Greet/Orientation	Sunday, August 23rd, 2026	Sign up online for 30min session from 10:30am-1:30pm	LCH Rm 3
FORMS DUE: -Updated copy of baptismal certificate -Candidate commitment form signed -material fee of \$40	Sunday, September 13th, 2026	-	online/rectory office
Confirmation Teen Session 1	Sunday, September 13, 2026	Mass 9am Meeting 10-12	FSPC
PMC cooking session	Saturday, September 19th, 2026	9-11:30am	LCH/kitchen
PMC serving session	Sunday, September 20th, 2026	10-2:30pm	Meet in LCH PMC, Akron

Confirmation Teen Session 2	Sunday, October 4th, 2026	Mass 9am Meeting 10-12	FSPC
Confirmation Teen Session 3	Sunday, November 1st, 2026	Mass 9am Meeting 10-12	FSPC
PMC cooking session	Saturday, November 14th, 2026	9-11:30am	LCH/Kitchen
PMC serving session	Sunday, November 15th, 2026	10-2:30pm	Meet in LCH PMC, Akron
Confirmation Teen Session 4	Sunday, December 6, 2026	Mass 9am Meeting 10-12	FSPC
PMC cooking session	Saturday, January 16th, 2027	9-11:30am	LCH/Kitchen
PMC serving session	Sunday, January 17th, 2027	10-2:30pm	Meet in LCH PMC, Akron
Confirmation Day Retreat	Saturday, January 23rd, 2027	10am-6pm	TBD
FORMS DUE: -Sponsor Contact Form -Saint Name Form	Sunday, February 7th, 2027	–	online
Confirmation Session 5	Sunday, February 7th, 2027	Mass 9am Meeting 10-12	FSPC
PMC serving session	Sunday, March 21st, 2027	10-2:30pm	Meet in LCH PMC, Akron
Confirmation Session 6	Sunday, April 4th, 2027	Mass 9am Meeting 10-12	FSPC
Candidate and Sponsor Day/Rehearsal	Sunday, April 25th, 2027	Mass 9am, required	Church & LCH

		Meeting 10-12pm	
Confirmation Mass	May 2nd, 2027	Teens/sponsors arrive by 1pm Mass begins at 2pm	LCH check-in HF Church
PMC serving session**	Sunday, May 16th, 2027	10-2:30pm	Meet in LCH PMC, Akron

CANDIDATE COMMITMENT

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”--Jeremiah 29:11

As a baptized Catholic, I am preparing for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, by which I will be more perfectly bound to the Catholic Church and enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the Faith as a witness of Christ.

As a candidate for Confirmation, I promise to commit to the following:

- Attend Mass every Sunday and on holy days of obligation
- Receive the sacrament of Reconciliation at least once before your Confirmation
- Cultivate a habit of daily prayer
- Attend all Confirmation group sessions and retreat
- Participate in one of the service/food preparation days for the Peter Maurin Center. Sign-ups are already available for the various sessions.
- Attend 3 LifeTeen events before Confirmation to begin further life and participation in the Church
- Be respectful to your small group leaders and fellow candidates
- I will approach my Confirmation journey with an open mind and an open heart.
- I will be respectful of the leaders and facilitators of the programs and show appreciation for their time and effort.

I will show respect to those in my class who are on the journey with me.

As I make these promises, I ask God to give me the grace to be open to his plans for my life--plans he reveals to me in prayer, in my talents and aspirations, and in the encouragement of those who know and love me. I place myself in the loving embrace of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in asking for help in fulfilling this commitment.

Name of Candidate (Print) _____

Signature of Candidate _____

Date _____

Witnessed by:

Signature(s) of Candidate's Parent(s)/ Legal Guardian(s)