



CONFIRMATION 2021

Saint Mary 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 Saint Mary Confirmation Program! At Saint Mary, all high school teens (9th grade & above) are invited to begin the process of Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation. Teens who begin Confirmation Preparation in Spring of 2021 will be confirmed Sunday, October 24, 2021 with Bishop William Wack. Time TBA.

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. 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 2021

1. 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.

In person Mass Times @ Saint Mary are:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm **Sunday:** 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Online Mass: 9:30 am at SaintMaryLife on Facebook and Youtube

Traveling for the weekend? Visit masstimes.org to find a Mass near you!

Required Event: Teaching Mass September 2021 – For Parents & Teens (DATE TBA)

2. Parent Involvement

This year's class will take place in each home, where parents and teens will pray, study, and prepare together for the great Gift of the Holy Spirit. The parish will provide guidance, materials, and support along the way.

3. Confirmation Prep Online Classes and Projects

We will utilize the Ascension Press Confirmation preparation program entitled, "Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation." This is a 24-session video-based, online course with supplementary materials for parents and teens to use together. It is our hope that this time will not only offer your child a thorough knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith, but will also win over their heart at this critical time in their life. The program has been designed to address and answer your child's fundamental questions about life, and to challenge him or her to embrace a life of faith.

There are 4 additional projects that need to be completed: Attend a Teaching Mass/ Tour of the Church, Saint Name Paper, Sponsor Interview, and a letter to the Bishop and our Pastor on why you want to be confirmed. There will be a recap session on the Holy Spirit at the end. Outlines will be provided for each of these assignments. There will be check in points and due dates throughout the year to keep everyone on task.

4. 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. The teens will choose a saint name and write a research paper. It is never too early to choose their saint and begin asking for his/her intercession as they seek to live a life of holiness each day. A Saint Report will be due in April. An outline will be available on our website.

5. Choosing a Sponsor

Sponsors are people who you can rely on during your faith journey. They should be people with a deep commitment to the Catholic faith and who are active, confirmed members of their parish. They should be willing to listen to you, help you answer questions, and be willing to share their faith and example with you. Sponsors are expected to maintain REGULAR contact with their candidate to pray, socialize and develop a stronger relationship. Sponsor must be selected by May 2021. There is a sponsor form on the website that needs to be filled out returned to the parish. Sponsor's will be mailed a sponsor guide. There is a sponsor project to be completed during the summer. Project details will be available on the website.

6. Session Details

Lessons should be done in order. Do not do 4 sessions at once. This is a process and should be done weekly or biweekly. Dates for completing each lessons are listed on the back of this handout.

- Step 1: There is a task list of activities to complete in each lesson. Do this in order.
- Step 2: Each Lesson has reflection questions. Write down your answers to the reflection questions in your Chosen workbook on the NOTES page for that lesson.
- Step 3: In the Chosen workbook, do the Challenge of the Week and read the Taking It Home.
- Step 4: With your parent read the Hero of the week, discuss the lesson and share your reflection question answers.
- Step 5: Pray with your parent.

CONFIRMATION CHECK OFF LIST

- Register for Confirmation at: <https://saintmary.life/confirmation-2021/>
- Mail check or pay online for Confirmation
- Turn in copy of Baptismal Certificate
- Turn in Confirmation Participation Agreement
- Register for Flocknote at <https://saintmarylife.flocknote.com>
Please do not turn in projects on Flocknote...email me at julianne.walker@saintmary.life
- Register for the program portal once you receive the access code
- Review dress code on parish website

CHOSEN SESSION AND PROJECT COMPLETION DATES

- February 21 **Session 1-4**
- March 21 **Session 5-8**
- April 18 **Session 9-12**
 - Saint Name Paper (outline on website)
- May 23 **Session 13-16**
 - Sponsor Approval Form (form on website)

SUMMER BREAK

Sponsor Interview Project

- August 15 Sponsor Interview Project (complete during the summer)
- August 29 **Session 17-20**
- September 2021 Teaching Mass/ Tour of the Church TBA (In Person)
- September 19 Letter to the Bishop/Pastor (outline on website)
- October 3 **Session 21-24**
 - Turn in Certificate of Completion for Chosen
- October 10 Holy Spirit Recap (Email)
- October 23 Go to Confession before Confirmation
- October 24 Rehearsal in the Church. Time TBA.

Sunday, October 24, 2021 *Confirmation Mass*



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