

Sacrament of Confirmation

Students in 8th grade who are enrolled in our Religious Education Program for 2 years (7th and 8th Grade) are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In 7th Grade students will attend the Inscription Mass in November. They will officially sign or “Inscribe” their name to demonstrate their commitment to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In 8th Grade students will attend the 8th Grade Candidacy Liturgy in November. Candidates will be officially presented to the parish at this Liturgy.

Students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in March. Confirmation is the Sacrament that completes the grace we receive in Baptism. It seals or confirms this grace through the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation Preparation

Students will attend a meeting with a parent that will outline what is expected of them:

- **Letter to the Pastor requesting Confirmation**

- **Candidate and Sponsor Form**

Confirmandi must select a sponsor and complete the sponsorship form. The sponsor should be a person who can spiritually guide the candidate through Confirmation preparation and throughout their lives.

- **Sponsor Eligibility Form**

The sponsor must be at least 16 years old, a practicing Catholic, fully initiated in the Catholic Church and NOT the candidate's parent.

- **Sponsor Essay**

Students will interview their sponsor and write about why they chose that person

- **Choose Confirmation Saint Name**

Students will choose a Saint that is meaningful to them. The name of their Saint will be their Confirmation name.

- **Saint Name for Confirmation Eassay Sheet**

Students will write a paragraph about why they chose the Saint.

- **Mandatory rehearsal date TBD attended by sponsor and student.**

- **Mass Reflection Sheets (3 Mass Reflections completed by student)**

- **Service**

Complete a minimum 5 hours of Service in your community that is meaningful to you. You will log the hours and a parent will sign off on the form. Some examples of service:

- Clean up garbage on the waterfront or sidewalks in town.

- Collect food for the food pantrys in town.

- Volunteer at the library or food pantrys in town.

- Help an elderly person on your street by raking leaves, shoveling snow, washing their car. This work only counts as service if you are not being paid.