

All Saints Confirmation Prep

2026-2027

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8



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Overview of Confirmation

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the sacrament instituted by Christ in His promise to send the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:15-21) and attested to in the early Church (Acts 8:19), in which the Bishop (or Priest appointed by him) invokes the gift of the Holy Spirit upon a baptized person and anoints them with holy chrism; the effect of which is the increase and strengthening of the grace the person received at their baptism.

What are the effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation?

- It deeply roots us in our identity as true sons and daughters of God our Father.
- It unites us more firmly to Christ.
- It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, knowledge, courage, proper judgment, righteousness, & wonder and awe of the Lord) in our hearts.
- It binds us more perfectly to the Church, which is Christ's Body.
- It gives us a particular strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith in word and action as faithful witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross. (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1303)

Why do we prepare for Confirmation like this?

"Preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a livelier familiarity with the Holy Spirit—his actions, his gifts, and his biddings—to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life. To this end, catechesis for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to the Church of Jesus and the parish community. The latter bears special responsibility for the preparation of confirmands."

—Catechism of the Catholic Church #1309

All the elements of our Confirmation program are intended to lead our Candidates "toward a more intimate union with Christ and a livelier familiarity with the Holy Spirit" so that they may be "more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of the Christian life."

Overview of Program Requirements

What must be turned in right away?

- Confirmation Information Form (online) – Due October 5, 2026
- Copy of Candidate's Baptismal Certificate - Due October 5, 2026 ***If you turned in a copy online when you registered initially, this is not necessary**
- Confirmation Sponsor Oath of Qualification - Due October 5, 2026

What events and programs must I attend?

- Confirmation Prep Meetings 5:30 to 6:30 pm (3rd Wednesday of every month)
- As a part of their full sacramental preparation, attendance at our weekly youth sessions is highly encouraged: Wednesday Night Bible Studies (6:00pm to 8:15pm) and Sunday night IMPACT sessions (6:00pm to 8:15pm)
- Saint Project Presentation - Sunday, November 01, 2026, Church Gymnasium (After 9 am Mass to 11 am)
- Confirmation Retreat: February 5-7, 2027, at the Pines Catholic Camp; the cost will be announced soon.
- Confirmation Mass – April 10, 17, or 24 at 11:00am (arrive one hour before)
- Confirmation Practice – Day before: April 9, April 16, or April 23 at 5:30pm (youth and sponsors)

What projects and activities must I work on throughout the year?

- Saint Project (Due Sunday, November 01, 2026) - presentation and written report (Submit to David before you leave)
- Confirmation Retreat Registration (Due January 22, 2027)
- Service - Ministry & Mission (Due April 1, 2027)
- Weekly Mass Attendance
- Reconciliation (at least once a month, necessary before receiving Confirmation)
- Letter to Bishop Burns (Due January 1, 2026)
- For all Confirmation Candidates not enrolled in *All Saints Catholic School*: **Completed the Decision Point, Confirmation program. The Decision Point workbook needs to be filled out after watching a short clip you can find on:**

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/plus/decision-point.html>

Students must complete two seasons (chapters) every month and show it to David for checking out.

Expectations of Candidates

Part of the purpose of Confirmation preparation is to prepare youth to “be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life” (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1309). Therefore, the youth participating in this program should strive to fulfill certain expectations, enabling them to better assume the responsibilities of living out their faith.

Youth are expected to:

- **SEEK TO BE CONFIRMED BY YOUR OWN DECISION AND FOR THE RIGHT REASONS.**
- **PRAY DAILY.** Without seeking to be close to God in prayer, many other things expected of our youth will make little difference. Pray for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, knowledge, understanding, courage, proper judgment, reverence, and fear of the Lord) to help you as you prepare for Confirmation and live out your life as a Catholic Christian.
- **ATTEND MASS EVERY SUNDAY.** The Eucharist is the center of our lives as Catholic Christians because that is where we encounter Jesus in a way that is unlike any other. We must attend Sunday Mass to worship God and honor his commandment to “keep holy the Sabbath.”
- **ATTEND CLASS** regularly through Formation Experiences throughout the week, religion classes at All Saints School, or a home study program. Attend all monthly formation meetings.
- **TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETING ALL EXPECTATIONS OUTLINED IN THIS BOOKLET.** It is your responsibility to find a sponsor, complete and present your saint project (be creative), keep track of your attendance at Mass, seek out and participate in the Works of Mercy (service) Submit written reflection on your experience(mission and Ministry report form you will find on the parish website), write your letter to the bishop, regularly participate in Catholic spiritual practices and devotions, regularly attend IMPACT and Bible Study, if you are doing Decision Point program, finish it before your confirmation.
- **ATTEND THE MONTHLY CONFIRMATION MEETINGS.** These are the meetings where necessary information will be discussed and questions answered regarding the Confirmation program and vital theological concepts associated with the sacrament.
- **ATTEND A CONFIRMATION RETREAT.** A retreat can be a life-changing experience, and all youth are expected to attend a Confirmation-specific retreat before being Confirmed.
- **GO TO CONFESSION BEFORE CONFIRMATION.**
- **ATTEND CONFIRMATION PRACTICE** with your sponsor to properly prepare for the Confirmation Mass.

Expectations of Parents

As parents, it is a great honor, privilege, and responsibility to be entrusted by God with the souls of your children. Our Church teaches that the education of children in the faith by parents “happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel” and that “family catechism precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith” (Catechism #2226).

Therefore, we encourage all parents to view this time of Confirmation preparation as an opportunity to develop and strengthen their role as their children's primary educators and spiritual leaders. Thus, we encourage you as parents to commit yourselves to the following expectations for the benefit and support of your spiritual life and that of your child(ren).

Parents are expected to:

- **PRAY DAILY.** Without seeking to be close to God in prayer, many things we may do as parents will make little difference. Pray for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, knowledge, understanding, courage, proper judgment, reverence, and fear of the Lord) to help you aid your child in their faith journey as they seek to grow closer to the Lord.
- **ATTEND MASS EVERY SUNDAY.** Worshipping the Lord together is so essential to a family's life. The family is the “domestic church” and a “center of living and vibrant faith” (Catechism #1656). Please attend Mass on Sundays to pray for your family, yourselves as parents, and your children. Make it a priority, be a living witness and example to your children.
- **TRY TO ATTEND AN ADULT FAITH FORMATION ACTIVITY OR EVENT** sometime during the year. Our parish will offer various events for adults throughout the year, but many other sessions are hosted by other parishes in our community, which would be excellent! Please strive to attend at least one together as a family or just for yourself.
- **HELP YOUR CHILD(REN) ON THIS JOURNEY.** Most of the requirements of this confirmation program will be fulfilled by the youth, especially those who have chosen an online confirmation program. They may need a reminder, some help, or guidance. Help them remember to pray by praying with them. Please help them serve by serving with them. Please help them attend Mass by accompanying them.

Initial Registration Materials

These items are due by OCTOBER 5, 2026

Confirmation Information Form

This form contains all the necessary initial information to record your sacrament correctly. It should be completed online, but a paper form will also be offered during our first meeting in September.

Copy of Candidate's Baptismal Certificate

We must record your sacrament information here at the church and ensure that your baptism church is notified of your reception of Confirmation here at All Saints.

Confirmation Sponsor Oath of Qualification

To sponsor Confirmation, one must meet specific requirements outlined in the Code of Canon Law. To ensure that all selected sponsors fulfill these requirements, we request that they affirm their qualifications by signing this document. For more information about these qualifications and requirements, please refer to pages 7/8.

1-on-1 Meetings

The Diocese of Dallas requires these one-on-one conversations to confirm our students' readiness to receive the sacrament. The Faith Formation team will be able to clarify students' doubts, respond to their questions, and determine if they are ready to be confirmed. *These meetings will occur during our Confirmation Retreat at the Pines.*

Sponsor

Why must I choose a sponsor for Confirmation?

The Confirmation sponsor will be a positive Catholic role model to help you grow in your faith and present you to the bishop during the Confirmation Mass. You should choose someone strong in their Catholic faith who can help you grow closer to God. Ask them to turn in the necessary documentation. Their presence will be required for the practice and celebration of the sacrament.

What is the role and responsibility of a Confirmation sponsor?

"...it is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament" (Code of Canon Law 892). A sponsor can help the Confirmation Candidate grow in their faith and serve as a guide and example of Christian life.

What qualifications must one meet to be a sponsor?

The Code of Canon Law states that one must meet the following requirements to be a sponsor:

- Be a Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- Be at least 16 years old
- Not a parent of the candidate
- Be a Catholic in good standing who is not bound by any canonical penalty
- Be one who leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken

To illustrate the unity of Confirmation & Baptism, it is desirable that, if possible, one of the candidate's godparents also be the sponsor for Confirmation, while this is not strictly necessary.

How are these qualifications verified?

To verify that the above qualifications are met, we ask that the person you choose to be your sponsor sign an "Oath of Qualification." It is imperative that sponsors fulfill the criteria mentioned above, and so they are asked to affirm that by signing this document. If they cannot, in good conscience, sign this document, please take steps to find someone who can sign on their behalf.

A copy of this document is provided in your folder or can be downloaded from the Confirmation homepage.

Once completed, your sponsor should mail it to the address indicated OR email to David by **September 30, 2025**.

How does my sponsor assist me in preparing for Confirmation?

Your sponsor will serve as a spiritual role model; their primary responsibility is to pray for and with you and to help you live a Christian life.

Sponsors are invited to:

- 1) Attend Mass together with candidates.
- 2) Go to Eucharistic Adoration together.
- 3) Go out to dinner or coffee, and we will discuss the question, "Why are you Catholic?"

- 4) Pray the rosary together.
- 5) Interview your sponsor about their faith journey.
- 6) Ask for prayers and pray together.

Please note: Since many sponsors live out of state, we do not require them to attend specific events at All Saints beyond the Confirmation practice and Mass. Each Confirmation Candidate is responsible for communicating with their sponsor and involving them in their preparation process through activities like those mentioned above.

Saint Project & Presentation

What is the Saint Project?

You should research and choose a saint to be your patron, someone you can connect with and whose name will be used for you at Confirmation. You should then create a project to learn about and teach others about your chosen saint. This project can be a written report, PowerPoint presentation, short film, poster, display board, costume with a monologue, or another creative project. You will then present your saint project to the elementary RE classes and other parishioners. Lastly, you should fill out the Saint Profile.

Why must I choose a Saint for Confirmation?

One of the traditional practices at the time of Confirmation within the Church in the United States was to choose a saint to be one's patron and spiritual role model. All candidates should research and choose a saint with whom they feel connected. This saint should become someone you can learn about, ask for their prayers and intercession, and strive to emulate as a fellow member of the Body of Christ. You will put together a project of your choosing where you will be able to learn about and teach others about your saint, which you will present to the parish community in November.

What information should be covered in my project?

Each project should incorporate and answer the following questions in some way:

1. What is your saint's name?
2. When is their feast day?
3. Please give a summary of their life.
4. What are some things they are well known for?
5. How/why did they become a saint?
6. What things are they the patron saint of?
7. What traditions or practices are associated with this saint?
8. Why is this saint important to Catholics?
9. Why did you choose this saint?
10. How do you hope to emulate your saint?
- 11.

Saint Profile

Your project will include a brief "Saint Profile" to submit to David Sanchez (the same day) regarding some of the above details.

When will I present my project?

*Sunday, November 1, 2026, from 9 am to 11 am
Gym at All Saints Catholic Church*

Candidates attending All Saints Catholic School will present their finished projects to their peers in their faith formation or religion classes to prepare for the parish presentations. Then, candidates are asked to present their projects to the elementary school faith formation classes and the parish at large as a means for our entire Confirmation class to participate in and commemorate our parish feast day (All Saints Day).

Internet Resources for Choosing a Saint

Use these websites to help you choose your saint and complete your project. We suggest thinking about something you're interested in or care about deeply and looking for a saint associated with that thing or activity.

- <http://catholicsaints.info/>
- http://www.scborromeo.org/patron_s.htm
- <http://catholic.org/saints>
- <http://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/>
- <http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/patrons.aspx>
- <http://www.theworkofgod.org/Saints/>
- <http://www.jesus-passion.com/Saints.htm>
- <http://www.ourcatholicfaith.org/patronsaints.html>

DO NOT USE WIKIPEDIA!

Ministry & Mission

Why must I do service during Confirmation prep?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that preparation for Confirmation should help enable a Christian to assume the apostolic responsibilities of the Christian life (CCC #1309). Further, it is the Church's responsibility to discern whether a person is responsive to God's grace and suitably prepared to receive Confirmation by looking for signs in that person's life, one of which is manifested by our acts of charity and serving those in need.

What are the service requirements?

Participate in:

- Two instances of parish ministry, AND...
- Two instances of mission service in the larger community, at least one of the following:
Complete and submit a reflection for each. The form is on the parish website.

What is considered participation in "Ministry"?

"Ministry" involves participating in and serving your church community through any of the active ministries in our parish. This could include helping the Knights serve a pancake breakfast, assisting with the Fall Festival, or supporting Senior Prom.

The word "parishioner" is related to the word "pilgrim." As parishioners of All Saints, we are all pilgrims on a journey to heaven and need to help each other get there.

What is considered participation in "Mission"?

"Mission" involves going out and serving those in need through Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy, which we traditionally think of as "service projects." However, whatever activities you choose to fulfill your Mission requirements, remember that they must be geared toward serving people who are in need.

Serving the poor and needy is at the heart of what Jesus calls us to do as Christians. In the next life, we will be judged partly by how well we serve those in need in this life.

What are the Works of Mercy?

The Corporal Works of Mercy are taken from the Gospel of Matthew, where Jesus tells of how the righteous are ushered into eternal life because of the merciful deeds they performed in Faith for those in need, and the Book of Tobit, where he performs many charitable acts for his people including burying their dead with respect.

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who my Father blesses. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' "

Matthew 25:34-36

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are taken from an assortment of verses throughout all of scripture and have been a part of the Tradition of the Catholic Church since the beginning.

Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked
Shelter the homeless
Visit the sick
Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead

The Corporal Works of Mercy (from USCCB)

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in Jesus' teachings and give us a model for how we should treat all others as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs" (USCCA). They respond to humanity's fundamental needs as we journey through life together.

The seven Corporal Works of Mercy are listed below. After each work of mercy, suggestions and advice are available to help you live it out daily.

Feed the hungry

Many people in this world need food. When so much of our food goes to waste, consider how good stewardship practices of your food habits can benefit others who do not have those same resources.

- Have delicious food at Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner? Donate to a Thanksgiving or Christmas food drive so everyone can have something to eat.
- Research, identify, and contribute financially to organizations that serve those needing food.
- The next time you make a recipe that can be quickly frozen, make a double batch and donate one to your local food pantry or soup kitchen.
- Try only to purchase what you can eat. If you notice that you throw groceries away each week, purchasing fewer groceries would eliminate waste and allow you to donate the savings to those in need.

Give a drink to the thirsty.

Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ lack access to clean water and suffer from this necessity. We should support the efforts of those working towards greater accessibility of this essential resource.

- We often take for granted our access to clean water.
- Organize a group of children on a sports team (e.g., soccer) or a summer camp. Invite them to collect bottled water to distribute to families at a shelter. If parents can be involved, ask them to accompany their children in delivering the water to the families.
- Do the same for youth and young adult groups.
- Try to save water. Remembering to turn off the water faucet when brushing your teeth or washing dishes can help, especially in regions suffering from drought.

Shelter the homeless

Many circumstances could lead to someone becoming homeless. Christ encourages us to go out and meet those without homes, affirming their worth and helping them seek a resolution to their challenges.

- See if your parish or diocese is involved with a local homeless shelter and volunteers sometime.
- Donate your time or money to organizations that build homes for those needing shelter.
- Many homeless shelters need warm blankets for their beds. If you can knit or sew, that would be a thoughtful gift.
- Millions of children and families are on the move, fleeing from war, illness, hunger, and impossible living conditions, and searching for peace and safety. Engage parish groups of children, youth, young adults, and families in doing some research on the causes and challenges that these families face to survive. Contact Catholic Social Services or the diocesan offices of peace and justice for help with your research. Seek ways to provide shelter for people experiencing homelessness locally, regionally, nationally, or internationally.

Visit the sick

Those who are sick are often forgotten or avoided. Despite their illness, these individuals still have much to offer to those who take the time to visit and comfort them.

- Give blood
- Spend time volunteering at a nursing home – Get creative and use your talents (e.g., sing, read, paint, call Bingo, etc.)!
- Take time on a Saturday to stop and visit with an elderly neighbor.
- Offer to assist caregivers of chronically sick family members on a one-time or periodic basis. Give caregivers time off from their caregiving responsibilities to rest, complete personal chores, or enjoy a relaxing break.
- Next time you make a meal that can be quickly frozen, make a double batch and give it to a family in your parish with a sick loved one.

Visit the prisoners.

People in prison are still people, made in the image and likeness of God. No matter what someone has done, they deserve the opportunity to hear the Word of God and find the Truth of the message of Christ.

- See if your parish or a nearby parish has a prison ministry, and if so, get involved.
- Volunteer to help or donate to charities that give Christmas presents to children whose parents are in prison.

Bury the dead.

Funerals allow us to grieve and show others support during difficult times. Through our prayers and actions during these times, we show our

respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort those who mourn.

- Send a card to someone who has recently lost a loved one. Make your card and send it.
- Visit the cemetery and pray for those you have lost.

Give alms to people experiencing poverty.

Donate money to organizations that provide support and services to those in need. Do research and find organizations that prioritize people in need over profit.

- Skip the morning latte and put that money in the collection basket at church.
- Find a meaningful charity and consider volunteering your time or making a donation.
- This Lent, give up eating out at restaurants. Pack your meals and donate the extra money to charities.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Instruct the ignorant
Counsel the doubtful
Admonish the sinner
Bear wrongs patiently
Forgive offenses willingly
Comfort the sorrowful
Pray for the living & the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy (from USCCB)

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been part of the Christian tradition, as they are referenced in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbor in their spiritual needs." The seven Spiritual Works of Mercy are listed below. After each work of mercy, suggestions and advice are available to help you live it out daily. Have your suggestions?

Counseling the doubtful

Everyone has moments of doubt in their faith journey. Nevertheless, we should never forget that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and we turn to him along our way.

- Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may eventually become wise" ([Prov 19:20](#))
- The Cross of Christ "The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength" ([1 Cor 1:25](#))
- Has someone asked you for advice? Orient your response to Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
- Follow Christ with the witness of your life so that others may see God's love revealed in your actions.
- Accompany a friend struggling with believing in joining a parish group for service or faith formation, share a book you found helpful in dealing with your friend's faith concern, and worship at Sunday Mass.

Instructing the ignorant

Learn about our faith and be open to discussing our beliefs with others. There is always something more to discover about our faith.

- Go on a service trip or short-term mission trip. Do you lack time? Please donate to support someone on their service trip.
- Volunteer to help with religious education programs at your parish
- Invite someone to go to Mass with you this weekend
- Know your faith! Please read through the USCCA to learn more about the Catholic faith and how to live it.

Admonishing the sinner

Do not judge; be supportive in helping others find their way and correct their mistakes. Together, we can learn to walk more closely with Christ.

- In humility, we must strive to create a culture that does not accept sin while realizing that we all fall at times.
- Don't judge, but guide others towards the path of salvation (see [Mt 7:1-2](#))
- When correcting someone, avoid being arrogant. We are all in need of God's loving correction.
- We should journey together to a deeper understanding of our shared faith
- "Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye" ([Mt 7:5](#))

Comforting the sorrowful

Be open to listening and comforting those who are grieving. Even if we know the right words, our presence can make a significant difference.

- Lend a listening ear to those going through a tough time
- Make a home-cooked meal for a friend who is facing a difficult time
- Write a letter or send a card to someone who is suffering
- A few moments of your day may make a lifetime of difference to someone who is going through a difficult time

Forgiving injuries

Forgiving others can be difficult because we often lack God's mercy and compassion. But Jesus teaches us that we should forgive as God forgives, relying on him to help us show others God's mercy.

- Let go of grudges.
- We learn to say sorry as kids, but how often do we mean it? Forgiveness transforms hearts and lives.
- Participate in the Sacrament of Penance
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Bearing wrongs patiently

Do not be bitter about wrongs done against you. Place your hope in God so that you can endure the troubles of this world and face them with a compassionate spirit.

- Are you frustrated with someone? Step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths, pray to Our Father, and ask God for patience.

Praying for the living and the dead

Prayer is one of the most powerful ways we can support others. Joining together in prayer for the living and the dead entrusts us all with God's care.

- Request a Mass intention for a friend or family member going through a tough time.
- Request a mass intention for a friend or family member who has passed away
- Keep your book of prayer intentions, writing down the names of those whom you are keeping in your prayers
- Ask a friend or family member if there is anything you can pray for them about
- Through prayer, entrust your cares and concerns for those around you to God.

Confirmation Prep: Ministry and Mission

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- 1) Choose two (2) Corporal Works of Mercy
- 2) Choose two (2) Spiritual Works of Mercy
- 3) Carry out each chosen work of mercy.
- 4) Submit a reflection. You will find the form on the parish website.
- 5) Complete and submit the reflections by **February 1, 2027**

** Please remember that the service projects listed inside are suggestions! Feel free to be creative with how you perform your works of mercy. All service projects should be done in a way that is safe for all parties involved.*

Mass Attendance

Why is the Eucharist the source and summit of our Christian life?

It is the source of the Christian life “because whoever shares in it receives the motivation and strength to live as a true Christian,” and it is the summit “because the faithful bring all their prayers and good works, their joys and sufferings to it. These modest offerings are united to the perfect sacrifice of Christ. Thus, they are completely sanctified and lifted to God in perfect worship, which brings the faithful into the divine intimacy.”

- St. Pope John Paul II

Why must I attend Mass every Sunday?

Since Confirmation unites us more firmly to Christ and perfects our bond with the Church (Catechism #1303), we must maintain that bond and unity and fulfill God’s commandment to “keep holy the Sabbath” by attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

At the Last Supper, Christ commanded that we “do this in remembrance” of him, and St. Paul wrote in his first letter to the Corinthians that “as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes” (1 Cor. 11:26).

All Confirmation candidates are expected to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. Gathering as the Body of Christ and participating in communal worship of our Lord while uniting ourselves to Jesus through receiving his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist is at the very heart of being a Christian. The 5:00 PM Mass at All Saints will always be immediately after our class meetings. You can also find Mass Times for any parish worldwide at www.MassTimes.org.

Reconciliation

Why Must I Go To Confession Before Being Confirmed?

“To receive Confirmation, one must be in a state of grace. One should receive the sacrament of Penance to be cleansed for the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

- Catechism of the Catholic Church #1310

Why is the Sacrament of Reconciliation Important?

No matter how alienated we feel because of our sins, in the Sacrament of Penance, we are concretely and indeed reconciled with Christ and His Church. We experience God’s mercy, love, and peace through the priest. Going to Confession once a month, whether we have committed a severe sin or not, helps us stay on track in our relationship with Him. But at the minimum, we should confess whenever we commit a mortal sin, or once a year, and before receiving a Sacrament such as Confirmation.

When & Where Can I Receive The Sacrament of Reconciliation?

All Saints has Confession every Thursday from 5:30-6:30 PM and every Saturday from 9:30-10:30am. A complete, up-to-date list of all confession times, mass times, and adoration hours is available at www.MassTimes.org.

Letter to the Bishop

What is the purpose of writing a letter to the Bishop?

Because the Bishop will impart the Sacrament of Confirmation to the candidates, he asks that each candidate freely request the Sacrament by writing to him.

This is very important because you are of the age to make this decision for yourself. Therefore, to be confirmed, you must ask for it of your own accord; no one else can decide.

What should be included in this letter?

The letter to Bishop Edward Burns should include:

- Candidate's name, age/grade, parish, and catechetical program (parish RE, Family RE, Catholic School)
- Statement of personal experience about (1) retreats, (2) how serving through performing the works of mercy has affected their view of living as a Catholic Christian, and (3) any other experiences of their faith that they would wish to share.
- Why the candidate feels they are ready to request the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Expressly state that they would like to be confirmed.

What else should I remember when writing my letter?

- *Please write legibly in ink or type your letter*
- *Remember to sign and date your letter*
- *Use a nice piece of paper (not crinkled or ripped out of a notebook)*
- *Use a full-size 8.5x11 piece of paper (not a note card)*
- *Please write on only one side of the paper*
- *Do not put the letter in an envelope*

When and how should I submit this letter?

You must submit your letter to David Sanchez by January 1, 2027.

Confirmation Retreat

Why must I attend the retreat?

Retreats can be turning points and are great chances to encounter our Lord sincerely and profoundly. All youth preparing for Confirmation should attend a Confirmation retreat before their discernment interview.

During our Confirmation retreat, you will pray, listen to engaging presentations, discuss issues important to your life, experience God in nature, receive his grace through the sacraments, sing, play, eat, and rest.

When and where will our Confirmation Retreat take place?

February 5 to February 7, 2027
@The Pines Catholic Camp

Transportation to and from All Saints will be provided.

How much does it cost to attend this retreat?

The cost will be announced soon (*covers transportation, lodging, meals, supplies & materials*)

(If this is an obstacle, let us know. We don't want the cost to keep someone from attending the retreat!)

How do I sign up to attend our retreat?

Complete the Confirmation Retreat Registration form by **January 22, 2027**

The form will be sent out via Flocknote, and made available on the Confirmation Homepage.

Preparation Check List

Use this list to keep track of your progress, but check it against your online progress tracker.

Events:

- ☐ Attend Mass **Every Sunday**
- ☐ Pray **Daily**
- ☐ Attend Formation Events (*Mandatory Prep Classes each month, IMPACT and Bible Study*)
- ☐ Complete the Decision Point confirmation program.
- ☐ Confirmation Retreat: *February 5-7, 2027*
- ☐ Confession
- ☐ Confirmation Rehearsal (*see above for dates and times*)
- ☐ Confirmation Mass (*See above for dates and times*)

Paperwork (*Due October 5, 2026*):

- ☐ Confirmation Information Form
- ☐ Sponsor Oath of Qualification
- ☐ Baptism Certificate (*photocopy*) ***If you turned in a copy online when you registered initially, this is not necessary**

Paperwork (*Due January 22, 2027*):

- ☐ Retreat Registration

Projects:

- ☐ Choose a Confirmation Sponsor (*ASAP*)
- ☐ Choose and research a Saint to be your patron saint for Confirmation (*ASAP*)
- ☐ Saint Project & Presentation (*Due Nov 1, 2026*)
- ☐ Ministry Service 1
- ☐ Ministry Service 2
- ☐ Mission Service 1
- ☐ Mission Service 2
- ☐ Reconciliation (during confirmation retreat or sometime before Confirmation)
- ☐ Letter to the Bishop (*Due January 1, 2027*)

