

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Rite of Enrollment in the Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation Candidates

This is a time to proclaim to the parish community that you are ready to prepare for a Sacrament that more firmly roots the Holy Spirit in you.

Please dress nicely. No jeans, shorts, short skirts or bare shoulders.

There is no assigned seating. You and your family may sit wherever you would like.

Saturday, Nov. 3 at 5:00pm Mass

In cases of custody

Please attach legal documentation verifying the custodial arrangement of this child. Please note: joint physical custody requires a letter of permission for this Sacrament from both parents, whether Catholic or non-Catholic. In cases of sole physical custody where the person completing this form is not the custodial parent, a letter of permission is required from the parent who has sole custody. This letter of permission can be obtained on the Parish website, or by calling the Faith Formation office.

In cases where the parent is not presenting the child for the Sacrament, please contact the Faith Formation office at 891-8867 for information (ex. grandparent, foster parent).

Qualifications of a Sponsor:

- a practicing Confirmed Roman Catholic in good standing – that is, living the Gospel message in their daily lives.
- is practicing their faith regularly by attending weekly Mass and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- must be at least 16 years old and have the proper aptitude and intention to assume this role, and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- willing to pray for and with the Candidate while leading him/her closer to Jesus Christ and His Church.
- able to attend the Sponsor Meeting (Candidates are encouraged to choose someone who lives close by). If a Sponsor is chosen who cannot attend due to traveling distance, a proxy (usually a parent) may stand in. A proxy is expected to fulfill the same qualifications as the Sponsor.
- is a person who is prayerful, loving, and is comfortable sharing with the young person.
- is a person who will spiritually support the parents in raising the young person in the Catholic Church for the rest of the young person's life.
- must be living according to the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Church.
- Catholics married/remarried outside the Church, or Catholics who choose to cohabit outside of the Sacrament of Marriage, cannot serve as a Sponsor.
- Non-Catholics, not practicing Catholics, and members of Churches not in union with Rome may not serve as a Sponsor for Confirmation

Note: a sponsor may be the child's Godparent, however according to Canon Law 874, a Sponsor cannot be the Candidate's mother or father.

Duties of a Sponsor:

1. Complete Verification of Eligibility form. Important: All sponsors, regardless if they are parishioners at Holy Family or parishioners at another Catholic church, are required to complete a Verification of Eligibility form and provide required additional documentation.
2. Submit a current Sacramental record from your parish of Baptism, complete with Sacramental notations (Contact your parish of Baptism for this, including Holy Family).
3. Attend the Sponsor Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 3 at 4:15PM.
4. Attend the Confirmation Retreat Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019 from 3:00-4:30PM. (Sponsors are invited to stay to attend the 5pm Mass with their candidate.)
5. Complete a Eucharistic Adoration Reflection hour with the Candidate.
6. Complete an act of service that shows "Faith in Action" with the Candidate.
7. Assist the Candidate in choosing a Confirmation Name.
8. Write a letter of Recommendation to Fr. Loc Trinh, but submitted to the Youth Ministry Coordinator, about the Candidate.
9. Present the Candidate during the Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew.
10. Continue to be available for the Candidate to lend spiritual support after the Sacrament of Confirmation ceremony is over.

* Sponsor packets with instructions will be emailed by mid-November and the above items will be included.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

*Preparation and Celebration
Information for
Parents, Confirmandi & Sponsors
October 8, 2018*



Sacrament of Confirmation Enrollment
Due to the CFF Office by November 1, 2018

Candidate's Full Name: _____

Baptized at _____

() Holy Family; Date _____

() Other than Holy Family _____

Note:

- If candidate was not Baptized or received first Eucharist at Holy Family, a copy of the Candidate's Baptismal Certificate is required by the Diocese. If you do not have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate, please contact the Baptismal Parish to request a new certificate be sent to you, and then forward a copy to the CFF office.
- If your child did receive first Eucharist at Holy Family, please provide the month and year: _____

Baptismal Church _____

Address _____

Street

City, State, Zip

Father's Full Name _____

Mother's Full Maiden Name _____

Parent Email _____

Best Contact Phone _____

Parent Signature _____

Sacrament of Confirmation

Eligibility for the Sacrament of Confirmation

The young person seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must

- be baptized
- have the desire to be Confirmed
- participate in Mass and receive Eucharist weekly
- be able to attend preparation classes for the year

Preparation Process

- Be enrolled as a Candidate for Confirmation in conjunction with the candidates for first Eucharist on Saturday, Nov. 3 at the 5:00pm Mass
- Complete and submit Sacrament of Confirmation enrollment form (due Nov. 1, 2018)
- Attend and participate in the weekly "the Source" Faith Formation program - *Program time is Sundays from 6:00-7:30pm*
- Declare a Sponsor - *This is given out at the parent meeting (due Nov. 1, 2018)*
- Experience Eucharistic Adoration - *This is an opportunity for the Candidate and Sponsor to spend some time in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament*
- Complete a Faith in Action - *This is a service project done by Candidate and Sponsor. As Catholics, this is an important part of fulfilling our baptismal call of service to others. (instructions provided in sponsor packet)*
- Choose a Confirmation Name - *This research is done with the help of the Sponsor (instructions provided in sponsor packet)*
- Attend a weekend Confirmation Retreat Feb. 8-10 with Sponsors attending 3:00-4:30PM on Feb. 9. Student cost is \$15.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation: Sacrament of Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Grand Rapids
Date TBA by Diocese of Grand Rapids - Spring of 2019

Keep this calendar

Calendar for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Oct 8, 2018

Parent Meeting, 7:00PM

2018-2019

"the Source" Faith Formation classes

Nov. 1, 2018

- ◆ Confirmation Registration and Baptism Information due
- ◆ Sponsor Declaration due

Nov. 2018

Sponsor packets will be emailed to both Candidates/Parents and Sponsors

Nov. 3, 2018

- ◆ Sponsor Meeting at 4:00PM (Sponsors are encouraged to attend the Confirmation Enrollment Mass with their candidate)
- ◆ Sacrament Enrollment for first Eucharist and Confirmation at 5:00PM Mass

Feb. 8-10, 2019

- ◆ Confirmation Retreat: Fri., Feb. 8 begins at 7PM and ends Sun., Feb. 10 at 10AM
- ◆ Sponsors attend Sat. Feb. 9 from 3:00-4:30PM (Sponsors are invited to stay to attend the 5pm Mass with their candidate.)
- ◆ No 8th gr CFF on Sun. Feb. 10. All other grades/classes are being held

Feb. 15, 2018

Preparation materials due:

- Faith in Action paragraph description
- Eucharistic Adoration form
- Confirmation Name Declaration form
- Sponsor Recommendation Letter

Spring 2019

Sacrament of Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Grand Rapids (TBA)

Note: As soon as the Diocese notifies us of the Confirmation Mass date assignment, we will pass along the information to you.

In case of custody, please read reverse side

