

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The prophets of the Old Testament foretold that God's Spirit would rest upon the Messiah to sustain his mission. Their prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus the Messiah was conceived by the Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus on the occasion of his baptism. Jesus' entire mission transpired in communion with the Holy Spirit. Before he died, Jesus promised the Spirit would guide the Apostles and our Church. After Jesus' death, He was raised by the Father in the power of the Spirit.

Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. We receive the message of faith with great emphasis given to the person of Jesus Christ, who asked the Father to give the Holy Spirit to the Church for building up the community in loving service. (USCCB website)

Confirmation is an important milestone in the sacramental and spiritual life of a Catholic. It allows young people to learn more deeply about their Catholic faith, focused on our beliefs, morals and practices. The journey guides them through a mature examination of this faith, hoping to help them make a willful and intentional commitment to live and serve in the Spirit of Christ. Many of us were baptized as babies, our parents and godparents choosing to raise us in the Catholic tradition. At Confirmation, we say YES to our baptism, YES to living a call to discipleship and YES to following the example and teachings of Jesus Christ. On Pentecost, the apostles first received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. That same spirit worked through Jesus as he ministered with courage and compassion. This is the same spirit that will be strengthened in a young person during the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The parish is charged with offering catechesis that prepares young people to say YES for themselves. Our catechesis will focus on the life of a Christian disciple, how to live in context of the Catholic community, the activity of the Holy Spirit as it relates to both the individual and the Church. As well, they will completely understand the rite of Confirmation, as a sacrament and a ritual.

There are several components to a complete and successful Confirmation program. The archdiocese mandates a retreat, liturgical worship, sponsor involvement, community service, an interview and a letter of intent. All of these are meant to enhance the preparation process and a young person's capacity to say YES. These components will be explained at the Orientation session. Please plan to attend this important session, with your young person. There are two options for attending the orientation, you may attend *either* session on Monday, September 13th at 6pm or Thursday, September 23 at 6pm.

This year our group will meet on Sunday mornings, beginning at 9am. Regular attendance, as well as participation, in mass and during our catechetical sessions are required for successful completion of this sacramental preparation. The schedule is attached.

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St. Sebastian/St. Catherine 2021-2022
Confirmation Registration Form

Participant Information

Youth's Name:

First

Middle

Last

(Please print name as you want it to appear on Confirmation certificate.)

Street Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Grade: _____

Date of Birth: _____

City of Birth: _____

Name of School: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell phone #: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Church of Baptism: _____

City: _____

(If baptized at a church other than St. Sebastian, a copy of the Baptismal Certificate must be submitted.)

Parent(s) Information

MOTHER INFO

Mother's Name:

First

Middle

Last

Maiden Name _____

Street Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Home: _____

Cell: _____

Work: _____

Email Address: _____

Religion: _____

FATHER INFO

Father's Name:

First

Middle

Last

Street Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Home: _____

Cell: _____

Work: _____

Email Address: _____

Religion: _____

If parents have different addresses, send communications to: (check one)

Mother

Father

Both Mother and Father

Agreement to Participate

I understand that the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is a process and that my presence and participation is essential. I promise to be present for scheduled activities, including the full Confirmation Retreat (which is a requirement of the Archdiocese). I agree to communicate, in advance, when my presence is not possible, as well to fulfill any requirements due to my absence.

Candidate's Signature

Date

Entering first and last name constitutes agreement

Photo Release Statement

I hereby grant permission to Saint Sebastian Congregation, Milwaukee, WI, to use my child's photo for external publication on the Internet at Saint Sebastian website or in any other official printed publications without further considerations, understanding that my child's full name will not be published on the Internet.

Parent's Signature

Date

Entering first and last name constitutes approval.

Required Fee	Amount Paid	Date	Note
\$225			

This fee helps the cost of supplies and most of the retreat. Please contact Margaret 414-453-7150 x123 or mlee@saintsebs.org if you need financial assistance. No family will be denied participation in sacramental prep due to fee issues.

Please save form as your last name and email completed form to mlee@saintsebs.org with check made out to St. Sebastian or St. Catherine Parish: or pay on-line click here

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Confirmation Schedule 2021-2022

<p>Sunday, September 26 9:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>Confirmation Session Topic: <i>God in All things! – Cultivating a relationship through prayer!</i> Location: Hawthorne Glen Attendees: Candidates</p>
<p>Sunday, October 24 8:30-10:15 am</p>	<p>Rite of Welcome for Candidates and Sponsors</p> <p>Candidates, with their sponsors, will be presented to the parish community at 10:30 a.m. mass. Candidates and sponsors will sit in the reserved pews and take part in the ministries of the mass. We certainly invite the parents to join the congregation-at-large to support their child. This Rite of Welcome is a sign that the candidates are willing to make a commitment to the process and ask for the prayers and support of the community. Prior to mass, there will be a session for candidates and sponsors, beginning with a breakfast at 8:00am. The session will conclude in time for the group to practice and prepare for mass.</p> <p>Topic: <i>The Journey Together</i> Location: Church Hall Attendees: Candidates & Sponsors</p>
<p>Friday, October 8- Sunday October 10</p>	<p>Confirmation Retreat</p> <p>Candidates are to attend the entire retreat. A retreat is a archdiocesan requirement for reception of the sacrament. The retreat will be held at the <i>Redemptorist</i> Retreat Center in Oconomowoc, WI. (1800 N Timber Trail Lane, 53066) We will meet at the center on Friday evening and we will finish early Sunday morning. (Packers play at noon!)</p> <p>More information will be forthcoming. Please look for emails and a letter to come home in early September, with the permission slip.</p>
<p>Sunday, November 7 9:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>Confirmation Session Topic: <i>Holiness & Saints</i> Location: Multi-Purpose Room Attendees: Candidates</p>
<p>Sunday, November 21 9:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>Confirmation Session Topic: <i>Catholic Social Teaching-Our Call to Serve</i> Location: Multi-Purpose Room Attendees: Candidates</p>
<p>Sunday, December 5 9:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>Confirmation Session Topic: <i>The Bible</i> Location: Multi-Purpose Room Attendees: Candidates</p>
<p>Sunday, December 19 9:00-10:30 am</p>	<p>Confirmation Session Topic: <i>Catholic Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> Location: Multi-Purpose Room Attendees: Candidates</p>

Sunday, January 16 8:30-10:15 am	Confirmation Session for Candidates and Parents Topic: <i>Catholic Identity</i> Location: Church Hall Attendees: Candidates & Parents
Sunday, January 23 9:00-10:30 am	Confirmation Session Topic: <i>What Would Jesus Do?</i> Location: Multi-Purpose Room Attendees: Candidates
Sunday, February 6 9:00-10:30 am	Confirmation Session Topic: <i>Saying Yes to God's Mission</i>
Electronic Presentation February 20	Confirmation Session for Candidates and Sponsors Topic: <i>Rites and Symbols of Confirmation & Catholic Spirituality</i>
Sunday, March 6 9:00-10:30 am	Confirmation Session Topic: <i>Living A Faithful Life (virtue & morality)</i>
Sunday, April 3 9:00-10:30 am	Confirmation Session Topic: <i>Holy Week & Liturgical Calendar</i>
Sunday, May 15 9:00-10:30 am	Family Faith Formation Session Topic: <i>Sacraments & Tradition</i>
TBD	Confirmation Practice Location: Mother of Good Counsel Parish
Monday, May 23, 2020 7 pm	Confirmation Liturgy Location: Mother of Good Counsel Parish Bishop

Please contact Margaret if you are not able to attend any sessions:

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