



**“I have called you by name;
You are mine”**

- Isaiah 43:1

Confirmation Packet

2026/27

Sacramental Preparation for the Rite of Confirmation

Saint Peter Catholic Church



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More information at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee website:

<https://www.archmil.org/Our-Faith/sacraments/Confirmation.htm>
<https://www.archmil.org/Youth-Ministry/Confirmation-Names.htm>



INFORMATION ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

... Confirmed by the gift of the Spirit, that they [the Candidates] give witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love..." - General Intercession from the *Rite of Confirmation*

Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace: It roots us more deeply in the divine filiation, which makes us, cry, "Abba! Father!"

- ☐ It unites us more firmly to Christ and increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us
- ☐ It renders our bond with the Church more perfect (whole)
- ☐ It gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the Faith by works and actions as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross

"Recall then that you have received a spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom, understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with this sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts."

(1302-1303 Catechism of the Catholic Church)

How do I know if I'm ready?

None of us are ever ready, worthy or deserving of a sacrament. But,

- ☐ You need to be ready and open to how God will strengthen you and continue to be present in your life
- ☐ You can make an effort to be prepared to celebrate Confirmation in a way that shows sincerity
- ☐ You can participate all the way, making your responses come alive and keeping your eyes and ears ready to see what God is doing in your life

The community - parish, parents, sponsors, and the team - is here to help you feel prepared.

What is required of me in this journey to Confirmation? You are asked to...

1. **Select a Sponsor** who will walk with you and help you in your journey to celebrate Confirmation. Each candidate is asked to choose an adult member of the greater Catholic community to act as a sponsor during the Confirmation journey. The Sponsor represents the Catholic community and should be seen as a life-long role model and guide for the Candidate.

Sponsors selection guidelines: <https://www.archmil.org/Youth-Ministry/Confirmation-Names.htm>

- ☐ Sponsor must be a Confirmed Catholic at least 16 years of age
 - ☐ Sponsor should be active in their faith and Christian life. Active participation means that the sponsor regularly attends Mass and is involved in the life of their parish and – most importantly – their faith formation
 - ☐ A Sponsor is preferably someone outside the immediate family. Parents cannot be designated sponsors
2. **Attend** the Sunday night sacramental prep classes, rituals, and retreats as designated in the calendar – parents are asked to attend two yearly parent sessions.
 3. **Experience** a process of learning programs (classes) that will help you to grow in faith and be ready to celebrate the Rite of Confirmation
 4. **Celebrate** the Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5. **Reflect and write** a reflection on the life of a Catholic saint that will be your model during this process
 6. **Complete** 30 hours of community service **and Write** a reflection on that service project;
 7. **Attend** the Confirmation rehearsal prior to the celebration of the Sacrament -- Sponsors are encouraged to attend all parent sessions and the rehearsal if available to do so. If not available, parents or other family member should plan to attend.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

- ☐ Kurt G. Baumann, Coordinator, Confirmation Prep, (262)945-2067 or kgbauman@scj.com.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation is available as a program of classes, liturgical rites, and community gatherings. Along the way we seek to expose teenagers to the skills necessary for leading a Catholic Christian life. Candidates will be exposed to salvation history, Church history, the life mission and works of Jesus Christ, God's plan for us, God's plan for morality and skills for making moral decisions and much more.

Elements of Preparation

Liturgy and Ritual: The Confirmation program is rooted in our liturgy and ritual. Candidates, sponsors, and families will participate in several gatherings at Sunday Mass to mark the journey toward Confirmation.

The Rite of Confirmation

Sunday, May 22nd, 2027, 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass

Celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of Candidates

Community: The Confirmation program is rooted in connecting Candidates to the larger faith community. We do this by gathering together as group during the year several times.

Catechesis: Catechesis is the community, parents and sponsors most important responsibility. Through study, discussion, modeling and mentoring candidates will learn the essentials of Catholic Christian faith and be exposed to the understanding of God. Candidates attend weekly catechesis sessions.

The students will also participate in retreats, which are designed to help enrich their Catholic faith. They will participate in small group discussions, prayer, and activities aimed at helping young people take ownership of their faith and grow deeper in their relationship with God. And, of course, there will be a time for recreation and fun!

Service: Service to the community is an important aspect of Catholic Christian moral behavior. Candidates are exposed to this throughout the teaching time in the program as well as through a service requirement. Candidates must complete the service requirements.



CANDIDATE AND PARISH COVENANT

- A covenant, in its most general sense, is a solemn contract or similar undertaking

Candidate

I understand that deciding to enter the Confirmation preparation program is an important decision requiring study, prayer and purposeful participation.

I will do my best to take this decision seriously and will participate and support my companions on this journey by asking questions and sharing my thoughts and opinions. I will strive to be engaged in my words and actions for my benefit and for the benefit of my team.

I have been told about and understand that a retreat is required. I agree to meet this requirement. If a serious problem should arise with attending the retreat, I will talk this over with the Confirmation coordinator and we will come to a resolution together.

I understand that if I am going to miss learning session, I will need to inform the Confirmation coordinator. The Coordinator will send me the materials necessary to make up the session – this includes a written reflection due *within 1 week* of missing the session.

I have been informed of, understand, and agree to the service ministry portion of the program that includes 30 hours of service followed by a written reflection.

I will do my best to pray every day to encourage my growth in and understanding of the Holy Spirit. Further, I will participate in Mass each week. I understand that doing so will help me celebrate more fully in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I understand that the Confirmation preparation program is entered into voluntarily. It is understood that those who attend do so because they want to.

Parish

The parish will support you with the materials and information necessary for the preparation program.

The program coordinators, catechists, program, parish staff and the parish community will pray for you and your fellow companions so that you may continue to grow in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The program coordinators, catechists, and program team are here to help you grow in your awareness of how the Holy Spirit is active in your life.

The parish community promises to support your endeavor with the most powerful force in the universe – Prayer.



CATECHETICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM

ST. Peter Sacramental & Catechetical guidelines require that:

- 1) Families must be registered members of the parish
- 2) Children must be enrolled in a parochial Catholic school or RE program for three years prior to the celebration of a Sacrament of Initiation.

For Confirmation, enrollment and regular attendance in 9th & 10th grade RE is required prior to preparation in 11th grade for the celebration of Confirmation.

For children who are out of sync with Archdiocesan guidelines for Confirmation (i.e., Confirmation takes place in high school), contact the Kurt Baumann directly. We will accommodate high school students into the preparation program.

Guidelines for families with children in RE, St. Joseph High School, and other catholic/private schools:

- A) Children enrolled in the **Religious Education program** - Requirements:
 - ☐ Consistent attendance at Sunday RE classes from September – April
 - ☐ Consistent attendance at Sunday Mass
 - ☐ Attendance at all Sacramental Preparation sessions as scheduled in the Confirmation Preparation Calendar
- B) Children enrolled in the **St. Joseph (or other Catholic) High School** - Requirements:
 - ☐ Consistent attendance at Sunday Mass
 - ☐ Participating in the Retreats and Catholic Devotions
 - ☐ Complete Saint Reflection and Service Hours & Reflection
 - ☐ Attendance at all Sacramental Preparation sessions as scheduled in the Confirmation Preparation Calendar
- C) Children enrolled in a **private school** - Requirements:
 - ☐ Consistent attendance at Sunday RE classes from September – April
 - ☐ Consistent attendance at Sunday Mass
 - ☐ Attendance at all Sacramental Preparation sessions as scheduled in the Confirmation Preparation Calendar

Summary of Program Requirements:

- 1) Saint Reflection
- 2) Service Hours and Reflection
- 3) Attendance at Sunday Night Classes, Retreats, and other Catholic Devotions
- 4) Candidate Interview
- 5) Attendance at the Confirmation Rehearsal – with Sponsor or Parent



ST. PETER'S CONFIRMATION RETREATS PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

The Confirmation retreat is a designed to be a special day for the Candidates. It's a time to be with one another and reflect on the journey ahead. In order to keep the day flowing smoothly we ask that you remain considerate of one in observing the following guidelines:

- **Do Not bring outside foods or beverages – this includes gum too.**
Food and beverages will be supplied in plenty at the retreat.
- **No cell phones:** If we see or hear it, we will take it away.
- **Headphones are allowed ONLY on the bus.** Once at the Retreat center, turn it off. If we see or hear it, we will take it away.
- **No devices that may be used as a weapon (lighters, matches, lasers, knives, etc).**
The item will be taken and we'll call your parents to pick you up.
- **No running in the building.**
- **No smoking or we'll call your parents to pick you up**
- **No wandering beyond the outside boundaries set forth by the team leader.**
- **Respecting all team members and facilities staff and one another.**
- **Keeping noise to a minimum.**
- **Keeping the facilities and rooms neat.** All furnishings must stay in the rooms in which they were found.
- **Asking any team leader for help if you need anything or if you feel sick**
- **Being open to having a good time. Be yourself and work as part of the team.**



SAINT REFLECTION (11th Grade Only)

DUE: February 21st, 2027

History behind the Confirmation Name

The tradition of selecting a saint's name for Confirmation grew out of a pre-Vatican II practice that asked Confirmandi to select a Saint's name to be invoked during the Rite of Confirmation. Some of your parents and grandparents may have been required to do this. However, since Vatican II, this practice is no longer a requirement of the Rite of Confirmation. The Church invites Candidates to keep the name given to them at Baptism.

The Church strongly suggests that you use the name your parents gave to you at Baptism. The reason is that Confirmation is the fullness or completion of the Sacrament of Baptism. Neither the Rite of Confirmation nor the Code of Canon Law refers to the custom of selecting a Confirmation name.

The Rite simply refers to the candidate being "called by name." The presumption is that the Candidate is called by the name given at the time of Baptism. The Baptismal promises your parents made on your behalf when you were a baby are renewed at Confirmation.

<https://www.archmil.org/Youth-Ministry/Confirmation-Names.htm>

The Saint Reflection

Whatever name you decide on, your own name or that a favorite saint, we ask that you explore how this holy person, this saint, and offers you witness to walk more closely with Christ during the Confirmation preparation process.

Find out if you were named after a beloved family member or favorite saint; or, research the roots of your name as a derivative of a Christian name.

If you intend to take another name for Confirmation, tell us explicitly either:

1. For Confirmation, I am taking the name of ... because **OR**
2. For Confirmation, I am affirming my Baptismal name of ... because

Guidelines for writing your Saint Reflection (1 page minimum, please)

Pray, reflect and let the Holy Spirit guide you in your search.

- ☐ Start with: For Confirmation I am taking/affirming the name...
- ☐ Provide a brief summary of their life.
- ☐ What did they do with their lives that made them worthy of sainthood?
- ☐ Why did you select this saint?
- ☐ How can the life of this saint be a model of faith and commitment to you throughout the Confirmation process?

Resources: Here are some good places to start:

- <http://americancatholic.org/>
- <http://www.catholic.org/saints/>
- <http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/indexsnt.htm>
- http://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/index_saints_en.html



SERVICE TO OTHERS: BEING MELLOW OF HEART

HOURS DUE: February 21st, 2027 (mainly for 11th Grade)

REFLECTION (11th Grade Only) DUE: February 21st, 2027

The rationale behind this requirement is to encourage the Candidates for Confirmation to become mellow of heart and spirit. Sanctity has to do with gratitude. To be a saint is to be fueled by gratitude; nothing more, nothing less.

Sanctity is as much about having a mellow heart as it is about believing and doing the right thing. A Catholic theologian, Gustavo Gutierrez, OP, suggests that to have a healthy spirituality, we must feed our souls in three ways: through prayer, through the practice of justice and through those things in our lives (like great friendships, creativity and healthy leisure) that help keep our soul mellow and grateful. For Gutierrez, our task as Christians is to transform the world through love and justice. And, only one kind of person transforms the world spiritually—one with a grateful (mellow) heart.

To serve, then, is a true gift for both the recipient and the giver. It is important not only to listen and understand the Word of God, but also to apply the lessons learned. This is essential to living as a Christian and following Jesus' footsteps.

The connection between Confirmation and service is this: That each confirmed Christian has a calling and a responsibility to serve as a living example of Jesus' teachings – to serve one another with mellowness of heart. God calls us to serve and we say, "Here I am, Lord!"

This is also an opportunity for the candidates to explore ways in which they can be of service to our parish and the community at large.

Requirements:

1. Minimum of 30 hours of service to the community (10 hours for each year)
 - i. **50% hours must be associated with hours to St. Peter Parish.**
2. Candidate may document their hours on the sheet included in this packet
3. All documented service hours will be honored
4. Service should be directed to people, i.e. human-to-human interaction
5. It is the Candidate's responsibility to fulfill the requirements of this project
6. Service Hour Form due in to Kurt Baumann/teachers on or before Sunday, February 16th
7. Service Reflection (11th Grade Only) due to Kurt Baumann/teachers on or by Sunday, February 16th

Guidelines:

1. **Service should be to our parish community (50%).**
2. Service should reflect work done beyond the usual chores and duties done at home
2. Service should be directed to people, i.e. human-to-human interaction
3. Service should not have any financial rewards
4. Service should be done with a willing, mellow heart and carried out in a generous spirit

Reflection questions:

1. What was your service project(s)? - 1 paragraph only
2. Describe your experience/s. Was it a new experience?
3. Was it difficult/easy? Do you think you made a difference?
4. What did you learn about yourself in doing these projects?
5. Has this service experience enhanced your understanding of Confirmation?



SERVICE TO OTHERS LOG

- ☐ Record 30 service hours on this sheet
- ☐ All service hours will be honored.
- ☐ Service Hours due on **February 21st, 2027**
- ☐ Written reflection due on or before **February 21st, 2027 (11th Grade Only)**

STUDENT NAME:		Year: 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , All	
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Date	Organization/ Location	Hours	Type of Service	Supervisor Signature
	Total			



SPONSOR INFORMATION

Candidate's (student) Name: _____

Dear Sponsor: Congratulations on being selected as a Confirmation Sponsor. We know you will take the responsibility seriously and guide your candidate, as well as pray for them during this process leading to their Confirmation. Please complete the following information and return.

Confirmation Sponsor Requirements:

- ✠ **Must be Confirmed in the Catholic Church**
- ✠ **Must be 16 years of age or older**
- ✠ **Must live in harmony with and follow the teachings of the Catholic Church**
- ✠ **Must attend Confirmation Formation classes with candidate when requested**

Therefore, someone who does not live as a Catholic attending weekly mass, or lives in a manner which does not reflect the teaching or moral life of the church, should not be a sponsor.

Our Confirmation Formation program requires that the sponsor occasionally attends a confirmation class or mass with the candidate. If you can not attend, a proxy, who can be a parent of the candidate, may sit in for you.

Sponsor Information:

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Mailing Address: _____

Sponsor's E-Mail Address: _____

Relationship to Candidate: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Name and Address of sponsor's current Parish: _____

Age: _____ Are you confirmed? yes no

I attest that the information provided is true. I am a practicing Catholic; I believe and accept the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. I understand that an inquiry to confirm good standing in the Catholic Church maybe made for individuals named as sponsors who are unknown to the Pastor of St. Peter's Parish. I also understand and accept the responsibility that I undertake as a sponsor and I promise to support this candidate.

Sponsor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Attested by: _____ Date: _____

(Signature of sponsor's Pastor)

**Please send to: Kurt G. Baumann
St. Peter's Confirmation Coordinator
244 30th Avenue
Kenosha, Wisconsin 53144
Or return to Candidate**



ST. PETER'S CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026/27

NOTE: *CLASSES ARE FROM 5:30-6:50 P.M. INCLUDES 7:00 P.M. MASS. CLASS WILL BE HELD IN CLUB ROOM (DOWNSTAIRS)*

NOTE: *WE WILL HAVE ONE SUNDAY A MONTH THAT WE DON'T MEET.*

NOTE: *PLEASE BE FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE MAY CHANGES DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES.*

AUGUST

23 (Sunday) Registration (9:00-11:00 a.m.)

30 (Sunday) Registration (9:00-11:00 a.m.)

SEPTEMBER

20 (Sunday) **Parent/Student Mtg. Required (6:00 – 6:30 p.m., in All Purpose Room)**

27 (Sunday) **Class**

OCTOBER

04 (Sunday) **Class**

04 (Sunday) **Annual Eucharistic Adoration Procession (timing: 1:00-3:00) – Extra Credit for missed classes**

11 (Sunday) **Class**

18 (Sunday) **No Classroom**

25 (Sunday) **Class**

NOVEMBER

01 (Sunday) **Class**

08 (Sunday) **Class**

15 (Sunday) **Class**

22 (Sunday) **Class**

29 (Sunday) **NO CLASS (Thanksgiving)**

DECEMBER

06 (Sunday) **Class**

13 (Sunday) **Class**

20 (Sunday) **Class**

27 (Sunday) **NO CLASS**

JANUARY

03 (Sunday) **NO CLASS**

	10	(Sunday)	NO CLASS
	17	(Sunday)	Class
JANUARY			
	24	(Sunday)	Class
	31	(Sunday)	Class
FEBRUARY			
	07	(Sunday)	Class
	10	(Wednesday)	Ash Wednesday
	14	(Sunday)	No Classroom – Super Bowl Sunday
	21	(Sunday)	11 th Grade Confirmation Information Packets due
	21	(Sunday)	Class
	26	(Friday)	Station of the Cross (Required Attendance) at 6:30 p.m.
	28	(Sunday)	Class
MARCH			
	07	(Sunday)	Class
	14	(Sunday)	Class
	21	(Sunday)	Class
	28	(Sunday)	No Classroom – Easter
APRIL			
	04	(Sunday)	No Classroom – Spring Vacation
	11	(Sunday)	Class
	18	(Sunday)	Class
	25	(Sunday)	Parent Meeting (tentative)/Confirmation Prep
MAY			
	21	(Friday)	<u>Confirmation Rehearsal</u> from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. @ St Peter
	22	(Saturday)	<u>Confirmation Mass</u> at 10:00 a.m. @ Holy Rosary with Bishop Hannes
JUNE			
	TENTATIVE		
	25-27 (Fri-Sun) STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE (23 rd Annual participation) JOILET, Joilet, Illinois (Confirmation Retreat fulfillment) Steubenville JOILET is a high-energy youth conference where thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens.		