

2008-2009

Confirmation Information & Schedule

Who Can Receive This Sacrament?

Every baptized person not yet confirmed can and should receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Since Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist form a unity, it follows that "the faithful are obliged to receive this sacrament at the appropriate time," for without Confirmation and Eucharist, Baptism is certainly valid and efficacious, but Christian initiation remains incomplete. (CCC 1306)

Preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit—his actions, his gifts, and his biddings—in order 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 Christ, the universal Church as well as the parish community. The latter bears special responsibility for the preparation of the confirmands. (CCC 1309)

To receive Confirmation one must be in a state of grace. One should receive the sacrament of Penance in order to be cleansed for the gift of the Holy Spirit. More intense prayer should prepare one to receive the strength and graces of the Holy Spirit with docility and readiness to act. (CCC 1310)

Candidates for Confirmation, as for Baptism, fittingly seek the spiritual help of a *sponsor*. To emphasize the unity of the two sacraments, it is appropriate that this be one of the baptismal godparents. (CCC 1311)



Requirements...in other words:

Please...

1. Be baptized: Turn in Baptismal Certificate no later than December 1
2. Be knowledgeable of the faith: Attend all Confirmation Sessions & Activities
 - This includes: Weekly sessions, service activities, large group activities, retreat (with sponsor or parent), weekly attendance at Sunday Mass and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation once a year. Call Janelle before 3:00 pm Wednesday if you will be absent must be approved 445-3387 x. 144
3. Choose a Sponsor who is either your Baptismal Godparent (preferred) or is Catholic and has been confirmed. Please, NO Parent Sponsors.
4. Write a letter to your pastor indicating your readiness and desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
5. Attend interview prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Odds & ends...also required:

All Candidates need to work 3 service activities or 20 hours every year.

All Groups will attend one Lifeline Mass at the NET Center.

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