

ST. NICHOLAS
2023-2024 CONFIRMATION APPLICATION

Confirmation Preparation Registration fee | \$40

Youth Name:

First

Middle

Last

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Candidate's Cell phone: _____ DOB: _____

Age (at time of confirmation): _____

Candidate's Email: _____

Best Way to get in touch: ☐ Text ☐ Call ☐ Email

The complete sacrament record is compiled at the child's parish of Baptism. Please provide accurate information so a certificate of Confirmation can be forwarded promptly.

Date of Baptism (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Candidate's church of Baptism: _____

Church street address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

(If Baptism was not at St. Nicholas, a copy of the certificate needs to be submitted)

Church First Communion received _____

Address of Church where First Communion received:

Fathers Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

Mother's Name _____

First

Middle

Maiden

Family Phone: _____ : Family Email: _____

Best Way to contact parents: Call ☐ Email ☐

If there is a parent that is a primary contact, please indicate here:

Student Essay:

Please answer one of the following questions in a five-hundred-word essay. Please attach the completed essay to this form. The essay's purpose is to help the Confirmation team get a better sense of where the candidate is starting this part of the faith journey. Please be honest; there is no perfect answer.

1. What type of Christian man or woman do you envision being in the future?
2. What steps do you need to take to get closer to God?

Parent's Essay:

Please answer one of the following questions in five hundred words or more. Please attach the completed essay to this form. The purpose of this essay is to help the Confirmation team get a better sense as to where your intentions for this sacrament meet those of your child's. Please be honest; there is no perfect answer.

1. How have you shared with your teen the importance of this sacrament?
2. What is the hope or vision you have for your child after he or she receives this sacrament?

Confirmation Preparation

Calendar 2023-2024

Oct. 1	Confirmation Parent/Teen Mtg	12:15 (After 11am Mass)	-Baptismal Certificate due @ Parent & Teen Meeting -Student Essay (Due Oct. 22) -Parent Essay (Due Oct. 22) -Letter of Intent (Due Session 4). - Sponsor forms (Due by Dec 17) -Saint Paper: Write a 2-page reflection about your patron Saint or favorite saint. (Due Session 3).
Oct. 29	Session 1	12 to 2:30	
Nov 18	Retreat @ Star of the Sea	8:30am to 6pm	
Dec 10	Session 2	12 to 2:30	
Jan 28	Session 3	12 to 2:30	
Feb 18	Session 4	12 to 2:30	
Oct. 15	*Regional Event*	6pm-9pm *	

All sessions will begin with the 11am Mass followed by lunch

-General Expectations— Actively involved in the sacramental life of the Church.

-Christian Formation— Enrollment & attendance in weekly Christian Formation/LifeTeen.

-Student Essay - The essay's purpose is to help the Confirmation team get a better sense of where the candidate is starting this part of the faith journey.

-Parent Essay - The purpose of this essay is to help the Confirmation team get a better sense as to where your intentions for this sacrament meet those of your child's.

-Letter- Candidates write a letter to the pastor expressing their desire to be confirmed.

-Interview— The interview is for the student who wishes to be confirmed. The interview is to facilitate a conversation between the pastor and the candidate to see if they are prepared to be confirmed. This will take place after the 4th session.

-Confirmation Classes— Classes are required preparation for the sacrament of confirmation. They will be on Sunday afternoons (see schedule). Missed classes must be made up. If two classes are missed, you must schedule a meeting with the pastor and youth minister. After reviewing your schedule and you feel like you cannot commit to being present, we ask that you wait for the sacrament.

-Retreat- NOVEMBER 18. You must attend the scheduled retreat. **The retreat is required** and time should be saved immediately to guarantee participation. Work schedules, school activities, sports, and SATs, etc can be adjusted with adequate notice. Start working now to clear your calendar.

-Sponsors— A Confirmation sponsor must be a confirmed and practicing Catholic in good standing in the Church. It cannot be a parent; however, the sponsor can be a grandparent or godparent. Candidates should select a sponsor who "is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in the sacrament." ***Sponsors must have a sponsor form on file. See additional handouts.***

-Baptism-Candidates must have been baptized and a copy of their certificate must be on file. *See new baptism certificate policy handout.*

-Confirmation Liturgy—The date & place of the celebration of the sacrament is determined by the Diocese. Once the day is made available we will email that information out promptly.

-Parents— The Church recognizes you as your child's primary educator in the life of faith. **Your role is pivotal** as your child prepares to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. (See handout 'Preparing your son or daughter for Confirmation)

-Decision-At the end of the process, candidates will indicate whether or not they desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

-Parish Registration- Teens (families) must be a registered parishioner at a St. Nicholas. If not registered at St. Nicholas, you must submit written authorization from your pastor to participate in our sacrament prep program.

----- Confirmation Commitment Form -----

*"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare
and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

—Jeremiah 29:11

Thank you for taking the time to discern a deeper commitment to your relationship with God. We hope that through this process you deepen your relationship with God, connect with other believers, discover your gifts and talents, grow in your faith, and see what an impact you can have on the church, the community and the world.

By signing the bottom of this form, I commit to

- Attending Mass on the weekends
- Approach my Confirmation journey with an open mind and an open heart
- Attend and fully participate in all Confirmation prep sessions, activities, and assignments
- Be respectful of the leaders of the program and show appreciation for their time and effort
- Show respect to my peers who are on the journey with me
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before my Confirmation
- Accept more responsibility in my family, parish, and community by putting my talents and gifts at the service of others
- Commit to daily prayer, praying especially for growth in faith, hope, and love

As I make these commitments, I ask God to give me the grace to be open to his plans for my life—plans he reveals to me in prayer, in my talents and aspirations, and in the encouragement of those who know and love me. I place myself in the loving embrace of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in asking for help in fulfilling this commitment.

Name of Candidate (Print)

Signature of Candidate

Date

As a parent, I understand by signing this commitment form that I agree with and fully understand all the guidelines and procedures set forth by Church of the St. Nicholas's confirmation program. I also understand that if my child does not fulfill each commitment, the date on which he or she is confirmed might be delayed.

Parent/Guardian (print name)

Signature(s)(Parent/Guardian)

Date

Parent/Guardian (print name)

Signature(s)(Parent/Guardian)

Date

At least one parent must sign this commitment