

Liturgy

Liturgy is the source and summit of our faith as Catholics. It is a must that candidates attend and participate in Mass each week, not simply out of obligation, but as a way of deepening our relationship with God.

Ministry Signup [CLICK HERE FOR SIGN-UP FORM](#)

This requirement is intended to give candidates meaningful opportunities to serve at Mass in an individual way that's more personal to them – not only during the Confirmation process, but also beyond.

1. Each candidate needs to commit to one ministry to be performed at least 10 times.
2. Every candidate needs to sign up for a ministry no later than September 25th.

Candidate Information [CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION FORM](#)

Please provide an email and cell phone that goes directly to the candidate. Our primary means of communication is through email and "Constant Contact." Please advise the CF office if you may have unsubscribed from this service in the past.

Sponsor Selection, Sponsor/Candidate Service & Sponsor/Candidate Meeting [CLICK HERE FOR SELECTION FORM](#)

Consider someone who can share their faith throughout this year and could serve as a spiritual companion throughout life. Sponsor selection is due by Oct. 2. Sponsors requirements:

1. Engage in at least one service project together. Ideas for potential projects will be distributed at a later date.
2. Attend the Candidate/Sponsor Day of Reflection on Oct. 28.
3. Attend the rehearsal (June 1 @ Noon) and Confirmation Mass (June 2 @ 2pm) at Good Shepherd.

Candidate/Sponsor Day of Reflection – Oct. 28, 9:30am-12pm @ Good Shepherd

Candidates along with their sponsors are expected to attend this session. We will begin with 9:30 Mass at Good Shepherd. Lunch will be provided followed by an interactive presentation and faith sharing between candidate and sponsor.

Attendance Policy

The expectation is that candidates attend all Confirmation events and sessions. YOU ARE MISSED when you do not attend, so please respect our catechists and the group by attending.

1. Make up work is required after missing more than two sessions or events.
2. Candidates may attend a Tuesday session in the same week they cannot attend Sunday and vice versa. If this is the case, candidates must contact Mary Ann in the CF office to alert the affected catechist.
3. If it becomes an issue, candidates may be asked to postpone Confirmation to a time they can commit more to the process.

Confirmation Retreat – Feb. 2 Noon – 4pm Feb. 3 @ Camp Minikani

The retreat begins and ends at Camp Minikani in Hubertus. Candidates must be dropped off/picked up. They cannot drive themselves. Candidates cannot arrive late/leave early. If a candidate cannot make the entire retreat, contact Bryan for alternatives.

St. Ben's Justice Orientation Service Experience 4-8pm: January 6, January 20, February 5 OR February 10

Candidates will select ONE date to attend St. Ben's. This opportunity is done in conjunction with St. Ben's Community Meal and usually involves an orientation to St Ben's Ministries, a chance to eat and talk with the Meal guests and a prayerful reflection afterward. There are restrictions on the number of participants, so a selection process will be distributed during the fall. Adult chaperones are needed for this experience.

Confirmation Readiness Interview – March 25-April 9

Candidates are required to discuss their willingness to be Confirmed with a catechist or select members of St. James staff. A digital signup sheet of dates and times will be made available in late February/early March.

Letter to the Archbishop

Candidates are required to request Confirmation in a letter to the archbishop. Guidelines will be distributed in the spring for the letter to be completed and submitted at the time of their readiness interview.

Confirmation Name Selection

Candidates will select a Saint's name for Confirmation. A selection reflection form will be distributed in the spring to be completed and submitted at the time of their readiness interview.

Confirmation Rehearsal (June 1 @ Noon) & Mass (June 2 @ 2pm) @ Good Shepherd

Candidates and sponsors are required to attend the rehearsal. If the sponsor cannot attend, a stand-in must be in attendance for seating purposes and to inform the sponsor of the process on the day of the Confirmation Mass.

Parent/Catechist (Sept. 16/18), Parent (Jan. 13/15) & Parent/Candidate (Mar. 17/19) Sessions [PARENT GUIDEBOOK](#)

Parents are vital to faith formation of their children, so they are important to include in this process. These will take place for the benefit of developing faith with our Confirmation catechists, other parents and your candidate.