

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

1. Candidates need to commit to one ministry to be performed at least 8 times per year, **but this varies with each ministry.**
2. Both 10th & 11th grade candidates will be given an opportunity to select a ministry in the first few sessions of CF.

Candidate Information: 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: 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. 1 for 11th graders. 10th graders will discuss this throughout the year. 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 Jan. 5 from 9:30am-12:30pm at Good Shepherd.
3. Attend the rehearsal (May 7 @ 7pm) and Confirmation Mass (May 8 @ 7pm) at St. James.

*10th Grade Candidates will be asked to select a sponsor and engage in one service project during the year.

Candidate/Sponsor Day of Reflection – Jan. 5, 9:30am-12:30pm @ Good Shepherd (11th Grade ONLY): 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 and an interactive presentation and faith sharing between candidate and sponsor.

Attendance Policy (11th Grade ONLY): YOU ARE MISSED when you do not attend, so please respect our catechists and the group by attending the sessions.

1. Make up work is required after missing more than two sessions.
2. Candidates may attend a Tuesday session in the same week they cannot attend Sunday and vice versa. Contact the CF office so we can 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.

10th Grade Retreat – Feb. 16 9:30am-5:00pm – @ Good Shepherd

11th Grade Confirmation Retreat – Nov. 2 Noon – 4pm Nov. 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: Jan. 26, Feb. 4, 9, 16 or 23 (10th grade dates yet to be determined): Candidates will select ONE date to attend St. Ben's. This opportunity 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 29-April 7 (11th Grade ONLY): Candidates are required to discuss their willingness to be Confirmed with a catechist or select members of St. James staff. A digital signup will be distributed in late February/early March.

Letter to the bishop (11th Grade ONLY): Candidates are required to request Confirmation in a letter to the bishop. 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. For 11th grade, a selection reflection form will be distributed in the spring to be completed and submitted at the time of their readiness interview. 10th grade will be asked to consider and select their name during the year.

Confirmation Rehearsal (May 7 @ 7pm) & Mass (May 8 @ 7pm) @ St. James: 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. 22/24) & 11th Grade Parent/Candidate (Apr. 26/28???): 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.