



As many of you know, we were not able to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation with our youth this year. To try and meet this need, we are going to do something different and offer confirmation preparation this summer. Preparation sessions will be on Wednesday Evenings throughout the summer, and the sacrament of confirmation will be celebrated with one of our bishops on September 23, 2021, at St. Rose.

If your family has discussed this, now would be a great time let us know. Please read the frequently asked questions below and if your child is interested, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/R9dScsVV3a96F18x5>

What is the Sacrament of Confirmation? The sacrament of confirmation is a deepening of the life of a disciple, which began at baptism. Confirmation completes the grace of baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which seal or “confirm” the baptized in union with Christ and equip them for active participation in the worship and life of the Church.

How does a person know if they are ready for Confirmation? Those who are ready for confirmation are at least entering the 8th grade and are interested in deepening their service of God and his people. Signs that a person should be confirmed are that they have regularly participated in Mass and faith formation in the past and are interested in greater depth of faith. If you are not sure if your child is ready for confirmation, we recommend having a conversation with Fr. Bryan.

What is the Schedule for Confirmation this year? We will begin with a parent meeting on Wednesday, June 16th at 7pm in the St. Rose parish center. Formal classes will begin Wednesday, June 30, and continue every week throughout the summer. Classes will begin at 6:30pm. The Confirmation Mass will be Thursday, September 23 at St. Rose, the exact time to be determined.

Will there still be preparation classes beginning in the fall? At this time we are not sure. However, if summer preparation works well, we are strongly considering making this the normal process in the future.

What are the Sponsor requirements? It would be a good idea to start thinking of who the sponsor will be and to reach out to them soon. Confirmation has only one sponsor, a fully initiated Catholic, who leads a life in keeping with the role to be taken on. We recommend that the baptismal Godparent serves as the sponsor if they are still actively practicing their faith.

The sponsor needs to be at least 16 years of age, free to celebrate the sacraments, and not the parent or legal guardian of the child. Sponsors need to be actively practicing their faith and, if they are married, they must be married in the Church. Verification of full initiation is to be provided by the proposed sponsor to the parish.

What paperwork needs to be submitted? We will need a copy of your child's baptism certificate and verification that the sponsor is a fully initiated, practicing Catholic who is eligible to receive Communion.

If you have any additional questions about the sacrament of confirmation please call the office at 360-425-4660.