



Church of the Resurrection

Confirmation Handbook

Grade 9



2023 - 2024



Church of the Resurrection's Mission statements reads, "The Church of the Resurrection is a Catholic Community that has been entrusted with the greatest treasure a heart can possess: the gift of faith. As a demonstration of our faith we commit ourselves to the following:

- To foster a sense of belonging among all who wish to be a part of the community.
- To celebrate our faith in a sacrament and rite frequently and fervently.
- To educate all to cherish our rich deposit of faith.
- To be responsible stewards of that gift of faith by sharing our time, talents, and treasures

The Confirmation program at the Resurrection seeks to do just this- prepare our young people for a lifelong journey in which to live their faith.

In the sacrament of Holy Baptism, parents, godparents, family and friends made a promise to guide you in your faith journey and help you participate in the life of Jesus Christ. As you grow in your faith, your spirituality deepens and allows you to form a stronger relationship with God and Jesus.

Your faith formation will happen at Church, home, school and during situations we encounter every day. Confirmation is not a program that you begin in 9th grade and end in 10th grade. It is a program that you encounter, develop and affirm your Faith as your own, and begin taking personal responsibility to grow within yourself.



Confirmation Schedule 2023-2024

| Date | Time | Topic | Notes |
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| Sun 9-10-2023 | 10:30am – 12:30pm | Mass / Opening Meeting/ Expectations | Mass attendance included |
| Sun 9-17-2023 | 10:45am to 2:30pm | Community Service Project: Parish Picnic Session 1: 10:45 – 12:45 Session 2: 12:30 – 2:30 | Lunch Included |
| Mon 10-30-2023 | 5:00 to 6:15pm | Community Service Project: Halloween Trunk or Treat for | |
| Sun 11-12-2023 | 10:30am – 1:00pm | Community Service Project: Military Collection | Mass attendance included |
| Sun 12-10-2023 | 10:30am to 12:30pm | Making Pies for the Social Action's Christmas Baskets **Sponsor Form Due ***Saint Name Form Due | Mass attendance included |
| Sun 1-7-2024 | 10:30am to 12:30pm | Mass /Community Service Project: Sandwich Making for Homeless Shelter | |
| Sat 2-3-2024 | 11:00am to 3:00pm | Confirmation Retreat | Lunch included |
| Fri 3-22-2024 | 7:30pm to 8:30pm | Living Stations Attendance | Must attend with at least one parent |
| Sun – 4-21-2024 | 10:30am – 2:30pm | Mass /Community Service Project: Senior Citizen Pasta Luncheon | Mass attendance included |
| May 8 -11 | 6:00pm to 10:00pm | Community Service Project: Church Carnival ** All students will be required to sign up for at least 1 night | |
| TBD – Make-up Session | 4:30 – 6:30 | Fried Dough Drive-through | Make-up Session |



Confirmation Class Communication

As with any program, communication is key. It is our goal to have regular communication with students and parents throughout the year. This will be done primarily using email and our parish bulletin, but at times information will also be posted on Facebook and on our parish app.

If you are currently receiving parish emails from office@resurrectionct.org, then you are already on our distribution list. If you have not been receiving emails, please send us an email stating that you would like to be added to our list.

It would also be helpful to send us a friend request on Facebook (Resurrection Church).

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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Choosing a Sponsor

Confirmation

As part of the Confirmation process you will need to choose someone to be your Confirmation Sponsor.

The most important role of the sponsor is to walk with you and guide you as you prepare to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sponsors are like spiritual coaches or mentors. They affirm your strength and point out ways you can grow and become better in the practice of faith.

The sponsor will present you to the bishop during the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

How to Choose a Sponsor

Choosing a sponsor for Confirmation is an important task. You may choose one of your godparents or another person other than your mom or dad. Your sponsor should be someone who is an active, practicing Catholic; someone who is enthusiastic about Catholic Faith.

Here are some suggestions:

- Think about the qualities you want your sponsor to have.
- Think about the people who are good examples to you.
- Remember, sponsors must be at least 16 years old, and they must have already received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- If your sponsor is married, the marriage must be recognized by the Church.

Please fill out the form below and return it to your teacher at the **December 10th session**. Your sponsor will need to get a “Sponsor Certificate” from his/her parish. *Please submit the certificate with the bottom section of this form.*

Your Name: _____

Sponsor’s Name: _____

Sponsor’s Email: _____

Sponsor’s Phone: _____



Choosing a Confirmation Name



Your parents probably spent many hours thinking about what name they would give you when you were born. Your name may have been chosen to honor a relative or a saint who holds a special place in the hearts of your parents.

Taking a “new” name at Confirmation is symbolic of a new or deeper stage in your faith life. There are several Bible stories of people who changed their names after they experienced a “conversion”; Abram to Abraham, Jacob to Israel, Simon to Peter, and Saul to Paul.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation is an opportunity for you to reflect on how you want to witness the power of the Holy Spirit in your life. When you choose a name of a Saint as your Confirmation name, you are in essence saying that you want to model your life after the Saint’s life.

I ask that you carefully select a saint’s name that you admire and whom you want to become more like. Remember, saints were not perfect people. They had their faults and weaknesses like all of us, however, they chose to follow Christ and spread his message of love and forgiveness in their own unique ways to our world. That’s the call of all Christians even today. That’s your call and through the Sacrament of Confirmation you will be given the “Gifts” of the Holy Spirit to help, guide and empower you in this very important mission.

After careful research, please choose a name of a saint that you would like for your Confirmation Name. In addition, please briefly explain (in a few sentences) why you chose the particular name. Please fill out the form below and return it to your teacher at the **December 10th session.**

Name: _____ Saint Name: St._____

In the space below, please explain why you chose this saint name. (Feel free to use back if needed)
