

What You Need To Know For Confirmation Preparation At St. Ann Catholic Church

GOAL FOR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

It is our hope that this program will not only prepare Catholics for the Sacrament of Confirmation in a dynamic way, but also teach and inspire them to respond and cooperate with God's grace in all the circumstance of their daily lives, long after their Confirmation has passed.

STEPS TO THE ENTIRE PROCESS

STEP #1: Pre-Requisites & Requirements To Enter Preparation

- The desire for the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Weekly Mass attendance
- Regular participation in reconciliation
- K-8 Faith Formation or equivalent
- High School Freshman and older
- Openness, willingness and commitment to growth in discipleship
- Willingness and consistent participation in Confirmation Group Meetings and the program *Decision point*.

STEP #2: Fill Out Application During Enrollment—on or before August 6

- Fill out the "Application for Confirmation Prep" and "Medical and Photo Release" form. Mail on or before August 13.
- Install two apps on your phone: 1. Decision Point 2. myParish. On the myParish App, select St. Ann as the parish. Tap Groups and join Confirmation Prep 17-18.
- Mail application and release form to: Susie Boone, 5286 E C Ave., Richland, MI 49083—on or before August 6.
- Include \$15.00, payable to St. Ann Catholic Church (for *Decision point* book)

STEP #3: Preparation

- Attend Confirmation Group Meetings
- Participate in discipleship formation using the book *Decision point*

STEP #4: Wrapping Up Preparation

- Write a letter to the Bishop reflecting on Confirmation Preparation
- Select a sponsor
- Select a Confirmation Name
- Family meeting with Priest
- Attend rehearsal for Confirmation Mass
- Confirmation Mass

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Why weekly Mass attendance?

It is assumed (pre-requisite) that you attend weekly Mass because you are already living your baptismal call as a Catholic Christian. In the Third Commandment, God tells us to “Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.” For the Jews, the Sabbath was Saturday; Christians, however, transferred the Sabbath to Sunday, the day of Jesus Christ’s resurrection from the dead. The Church tells us that we have an obligation to fulfill the Third Commandment by refraining from unnecessary work on Sunday and by participating in the Mass, our chief form of worship as Christians.

Private Worship Is Not Enough - From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have understood that being a Christian isn’t a private matter. We are called to be Christians together; while we can and should engage in the private worship of God throughout the week, our primary form of worship is public and communal, which is why Sunday Mass is so important.

Why Confirmation Meetings?

Our goal for preparation for Confirmation is to aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit. (CCC 1309) Our vision is that candidates are accountable and develop a relationship they need to stay on the path God has designed for them. The curriculum is purposeful and designed to foster a sense of communion and unity as well as forming habits to live a life as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

What are “Group Meetings” and “Decision Point” about?

During preparation students will be invited to “Group Meetings” that give candidates the opportunity to focus on worship such as adoration, music, reconciliation and faith filled messages that are centered on our Catholic faith.

“Decision Point” will be discussed at each Group Meeting with the intent to form candidates as disciples. *Decision Point* is done on a weekly basis at the candidates pace and shared with parent(s).

What if the candidate misses a meeting?

No problem, make up the group time in Adoration. Make up time is three (3) hours that can be done during the month. The chapel is open Wednesday 6:00pm -Saturday 4:00pm.

What are the requirements for a Sponsor?

The Confirmation Sponsor must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic. It cannot be a parent; however, the sponsor can be a grandparent or God parent. This should be someone the candidate trusts in seeking out faith advice and direction. A sponsor’s role is very limited during the preparation. We ask that they do two things:

1. Listen to CD about Confirmation
2. Pray for the candidate

What are the requirements for a Confirmation Name?

In order to manifest the close relationship of Confirmation to Baptism, the candidates, according to the longstanding custom of the Church, may retain their baptismal name. However, a special name may be chosen if desired, in which case it should be that of a recognized saint of the Church, or a person from Scripture. (CF Canon #855)

For more information on Saints and biblical characters you can visit the Catholic Encyclopedia <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/index/html>

Application for Confirmation Prep



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Candidates Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Candidates Email: _____

Candidates Phone: _____ Can we text you? Yes No

Candidate, Mom and Dad install two apps for content and communication.

Installed "Decision Point" app: Yes No

Installed "myparish" app: Yes No

Select St. Ann as the parish. Tap Groups, tap Confirmation Prep 17-18, tap Join and create an account. Look for updates & messages by checking this group.....

For the Candidate: What steps do you need to take to get closer to God?

For Mom: What is the hope/vision you have for your child after they receive this sacrament?

For Dad: How have you shared with your teen the importance of this Sacrament?

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MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION

To Whom It May Concern:

As a parent/guardian, I do hereby authorize the treatment by a qualified and licensed physician of any condition which, in the opinion of the physician, is deemed necessary and appropriate. This authority is granted only after a reasonable effort has been made to reach me.

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name _____

Address of Minor: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Mom's Cell: _____ Dad's Cell: _____ Home Ph: _____

Mom's email: _____ Dad's email: _____

Reason for which release is intended: **Confirmation Prep Program**

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Physician Address: _____ City: _____

List allergies, medications, contacts, or other pertinent comments:

Health Insurance Data:

Company: _____ Policy: _____

Group: _____ Contract: _____

I further authorize the person who presents the minor to sign the Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice Privacy Rights that may be presented by the physician or health care facility. This authorization is completed and signed of my own free will with the sole purpose of authorizing medical treatment deemed necessary and appropriate by the treating physician.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

(Parent or Guardian)

RM:MEDAUTH.2/04

PHOTO RELEASE INFORMATON

I give St. Ann Catholic Church permission to publish photos of my child(ren) on the parish website or parish publications for the sole purpose of communicating the activities and programs of the parish. I understand that only my child's first name will be used if captions are listed with photos.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

(Parent or Guardian)

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Schedule for Confirmation Prep



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Activities* during Confirmation prep.

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1. Aug - Chapel tour and nature walk
2. Sep - Bonfire and picture
3. Oct - Ropes Course
4. Nov - Saturday morning breakfast with Father
5. Dec - Nativity pageant at St. Ann

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6. Jan 22 - Saturday March for Life Kzoo
7. Feb - The Presence Retreat
8. Mar - Meeting with Father
9. April - Movie *The Passion of The Christ*
10. May - Parent & Candidate Open House
11. Jun - FaithFest
12. July - St. Ann Procession

After July we wait for a Confirmation date from the Bishop's office. Monthly meeting's continue until the Confirmation Mass.

*These activities are subject to change. Check email and app for dates and details.