

Confirmation



Confirmation Packet

DUE AUGUST
Return to Susie and Dale Boone

Please do not return to the St. Ann office

Records and Details

Details needed for Church Records:

Baptized Full Name of Candidate: _____

Candidate's Birthdate: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Date of Candidates Baptism: _____

Name of Parish Candidate was Baptized: _____

Diocese Candidate was Baptized: _____

If Candidate was baptized outside the Diocese of Kalamazoo we need a copy of the baptismal certificate. Return copy with Confirmation Packet in August.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact Susie or Dale Boone at: 269-226-0064 text or call, use the app or email - confirmation@stannaugusta.org.

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)

How do you choose?

- Ask people who their favorite saint is. Start conversation and ask people what saints they know and their stories.
- Go to the Newman's Bookshoppe in Kalamazoo. Browse and read about the saints. Plan an hour or so and dive into some books.
- Check with Pat Vanderpool at St. Ann. She has many really good resources to research the lives of saints.
- For more information on Saints and biblical characters you can visit:
 - catholic.org
 - franciscanmedia.org

Learn as much as you can about the saint and for life you have someone to pray with.

Parents, once a name has been selected, download/buy/borrow a prayer card of that Saint (Google, Newman's, Amazon, Catholic Gifts) and start praying to him/her for your child.

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Choosing A Sponsor

All Confirmation candidates must be presented to the Bishop by a qualified sponsor. This sponsor, while chosen by the candidate, must have certain qualities that are spelled out fully in church law.

A sponsor:

- Must be a Catholic who actively practices the faith and attends Mass weekly.
- Must be at least 16 years old and already confirmed.
- May not be a parent of the candidate.
- If married, the marriage was in a Catholic church or validated by the Catholic Church.
- Need not be the same gender as the candidate.

In addition to the requirements stated above, a sponsor should exemplify these qualities:

- The life of this person is a testimony of his/her commitment to the Lord and to the Church.
- This person is willing and eager to guide the candidate as they continue to learn:
 - ◇ To pray in new ways
 - ◇ To witness
 - ◇ To recognize the workings of the Holy Spirit
 - ◇ More about the Catholic faith
 - ◇ More about their parish and how to participate in parish life
 - ◇ How to overcome doubts, fear, and temptation through their relationship with God
- This person will pray for the candidate regularly.
- Is the candidate able to approach this person with questions they have about their faith and spirituality?

After the candidate has prayerfully chosen a Sponsor, have him/her complete the Confirmation Sponsor Certificate. All sponsors must have their Sponsor Information Form signed by their parish pastors.

Sponsors are asked to listen to two Confirmation presentations and encourage candidate and parent to listen to a presentation. Sponsors are asked to attend practice/rehearsal the night before Confirmation Mass and attend Confirmation Mass.

Sponsors are respectfully asked to dress with a form of modesty for practice and Confirmation Mass.

Sponsors Instructions

1. Complete the Confirmation Sponsor Certificate. All sponsors must have their Sponsor Certificate signed by their parish pastor. Forms are due in August.
2. Sponsors are respectfully asked to dress with a form of modesty for practice and Confirmation Mass.
3. Sponsors are asked to listen to two presentations and follow up with the candidate and parent. Presentations are free on the Formed website - formed.org .

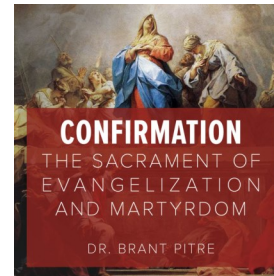
The first program is: **We Must Go Out**
The Sacrament of Confirmation
Fr. Michael Schmitz

- <https://formed.org/>
- Login or enter access code: DDGDR3
- Click LISTEN
- Search for WE MUST GO OUT



The second program is: **Confirmation**
The Sacrament of Evangelization and Martyrdom
Dr. Brant Pitre

- <https://formed.org/>
- Login or enter access code: DDGDR3
- Search for CONFIRMATION
- Click LISTEN



Sponsor please share with the CANDIDATE the procedure on how to access the **We Must Go Out** presentation. After both sponsor and candidate have listened* to the presentation, provide a statement of one take away the candidate discovered:

Sponsor please share with a PARENT the procedure on how to access the **either** presentation, your call. After both sponsor and parent have listened* to the presentation, provide a statement of one take away the parent discovered:

*You can listen together or separately, the internet is everywhere! Return statement with Confirmation Packet in August.

Confirmation Sponsor Certificate

St. Ann Catholic Church

12648 E D Avenue
Augusta, MI 49012
confirmation@stannagusta.org

Candidate's Name _____

Sponsor Information

Sponsor's Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parish _____

I declare that I am a baptized and confirmed Catholic. I believe all that the Catholic Church believes and proclaims to be revealed by God, and I make a serious effort to live a good, moral life worthy of imitation. As a practicing Catholic, I participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, and I receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly. If married, my marriage is blessed by a Catholic priest or Catholic deacon. I realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and the Church in becoming a sponsor.

I have read and understand the requirements to be a sponsor and I testify that I fulfill the qualifications. I understand that my primary role as a sponsor is to be a good model of Catholic, Christian living for the candidate I am sponsoring.

Signature of Sponsor _____

Sponsor Certificate

This certifies that the above named person is known to me as a parishioner in good standing. I testify that he/she is qualified to serve as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Print Name of Priest

Address of Church

Signature of Priest

Date

Return signed Certificate with Confirmation Packet in August

Decision Point

The workbook *Decision point* by Dynamic Catholic offers a foundation to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. The book provides a variety of prayer, scripture, snippets of Saints and lessons of our Catholic faith.

Instructions for Candidate's are to read one session a month completing 12 sessions in the year. Each session includes discussion and journal questions.

It is required to answer all the questions in the workbook. Return the completed workbook in August.

Return the book *Decision point* with Confirmation Packet in August. The books will be reviewed and returned to Candidates before Confirmation.

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Meetings and Adoration

Preparation was designed to aim at leading the candidate toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit - his actions, his gifts, and his biddings - in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life. To this end catechesis for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ, the universal Church as well as the parish community. (CCC 1309)

While you might not have made it to every meeting, Adoration is the alternative to prepare for the Sacrament. Adoration is not a punishment. No No No! Adoration is preparing your heart, mind and soul to receive a most beautiful gift and grace. Our meetings are designed to draw you closer to Christ but there is nothing better than spending an hour with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament! That is the best preparation. Adoration is an intimate union with Christ.

If you missed meetings and have not gone to Adoration, do not stress, there is plenty of time!! The chapel at St. Ann is open 24/7, start now and go an hour a week. Take your *Decision point* book or sit silently and talk to Jesus. Prepare.

Provide a brief reflection on the past year preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Meeting #1 Tour of Adoration Chapel and Boat Ride OR _____ Hour(s) of Adoration

Meeting #2 Bonfire in the woods & Tommy's testimony "Life is Choices" OR _____ Hour(s) of Adoration

Meeting #3 Hot Dog Dinner | Hospitality | Fr. Marotti "Why go to Mass" OR _____ Hour(s) of Adoration

Meeting #4 Rainout Rake Tina's Yard | Jacob's testimony in the gym OR _____ Hour(s) of Adoration

Meeting #5 St. Ann Nativity play - the story of Jesus

OR _____ Hour(s) of Adoration

Meeting #6 Pray for Life @ Bronson Park | Newmans Bookshoppe

OR _____ Hour(s) of Adoration

Meeting #7 The Presence Retreat or retreat attended to fulfill Diocesan recommendation

Meeting #8 Movie *The Passion of The Christ*

OR _____ Hour(s) of Adoration

Meeting #9 Meeting in the gym Free, Total, Faithful & Fruitful

OR _____ Hour(s) of Adoration

Meeting #10 Corpus Christi Procession

OR _____ Hour(s) of Adoration

Meeting #11 Faith Fest

OR _____ Hour(s) of Adoration

Letter to the Bishop

Before the candidate may be confirmed by the Bishop, they must write a letter to the bishop requesting confirmation. These letters should include the following parts:

- 1) An introduction to who they are (name, age, grade, school attends, and interests)
- 2) Information they learned from the saints they researched
- 3) What name they will be taking/retaining
- 4) A way they grew closer in relationship to God through the confirmation process
- 5) Why they want to be confirmed
- 6) Who their sponsor is and why
- 7) A formal request for confirmation

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Most Reverend Paul J. Bradley

Pastoral Center for the Diocese of Kalamazoo
215 N. Westnedge
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Date

Dear Bishop Bradley,

Use this paragraph to introduce yourself. Talk about things you are involved with and what some of your interests are. Explain to the Bishop why you are writing (to request the Sacrament of Confirmation).

In this paragraph mention your home parish and some of the things you have done specifically in preparation for Confirmation (adoration, monthly meeting, event...). Mention a way you grew closer in relationship to God through the confirmation process and why you want to be confirmed.

Discuss your sponsor and how you came to choose this person.

Discuss your patron saint.

You might close your letter by thanking the bishop for taking time to read your letter and let him know you are looking forward to Confirmation. You could also offer and request prayers as well.

Close your letter appropriately,

Sign your name here in pen

Type your name here below your signature.

Parent Letter to Pastor

The Church fully understands and appreciates the role of parents as first and best teachers of the faith. Due to your most complete knowledge and insights we are asking you to share with us your son's or daughter's disposition toward the Sacrament of Confirmation. Below are listed some suggestions of how you might choose to characterize your son's or daughter's level of readiness to be confirmed in the faith of the Catholic Church. It is not necessary to discuss each item identified; the bullets are simply ways to think about your son or daughter.

- How might you describe you son's or daughter's prayer life? (frequency, regularity, longevity, depth, significance)
- What would you say is your son's or daughter's level of knowledge of the faith?
- In what ways do you witness you son or daughter daily integrating the moral teachings of the Church?
- Does your child participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church? (Mass on Sunday as well as regular Confession)
- Does your son or daughter have a personal faith in Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Church?
- Does your son or daughter have a sufficient understanding of the graces and responsibilities connected to the Sacrament of Confirmation?

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Pastor Meeting with Candidates

In June a schedule will be available for Candidates to select a session with Father before the Mass of Confirmation.

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Dress'n Up for Confirmation

This is a BIG deal and BIG moment in your life. Let's dress like it is!

Young Men: Jacket, shirt and tie, dress pants and polish up the shoes.

You will feel like the man that God has created you to be. Trust us, you will be able to use the jacket during high school.

Goodwill is a great place to scout jackets and shopping at Macy's with a good coupon is a deal :) Our boys might have a few jackets that can be loaners.

Young Ladies: What a special time to present ourselves to our parish family, our priest and our Bishop. Instead of giving a list of don'ts how about we go with some do's:

- Wear a top with sleeves
- Wear a top that covers your shoulders
- Wear a top that covers your back
- Wear a top that covers your cleavage
- Wear a dress or skirt that comes to your knees or below

Of course we do not want this to be a financial burden, we can help and will enjoy making the day extra special.

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