

Sacraments Confirmation

“Reception of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace and recipients of the Sacrament “are more perfectly bound to the church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.” Catechism no. 1285.

Please Note: Archdiocesan guidelines state, “...reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation will ordinarily occur when the youth is in 10th grade.” Preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is available to youth in the tenth grade or above who have completed the following requirements:

9th Grade Preparation for Confirmation 2011-2012

- * Completion of Religious Education in 8th grade.
- * Register with Religious Education and pay all applicable fees.
- * Must attend Youth Group or Pizza and Prayer, a minimum of once a month in 9th grade. Youth group attendance forms must be completed and turned in. The forms are due in December and May of the 9th grade year for each semester. Active involvement in the life of Saint Monica’s parish is strongly encouraged, more frequent attendance at youth group or pizza and prayer is highly recommended.
- * Mandatory attendance at Parent and Student informational meeting in January. A letter will be sent to candidates home with date and time information.
- * Complete the 6 session Confirmation Class beginning in January at St. Monica’s. All 6 sessions are required to move on to 10th grade preparation. The classes will be held on Sundays from 2:30 to 4:30pm.
- * Take and pass the exam at the end of the 6 week class.
- * Attend the Sponsor/Candidate workshop and Mass.
- * Provide a copy of your baptismal certificate to the religious education office.
- * Turn in a fully completed confirmation packet by the date requested. (This is provided at the parent/candidate meeting in January.)
- * Attend a full weekend Confirmation retreat in 10th grade.
- * Participate in a final interview.
- * Choose a sponsor.
- * Complete the service hour requirements.
- * Be faithful to living out the Catholic faith, desiring the Sacraments, and attending mass every Sunday and on all Holy Days of obligation!

We are called to ongoing faith formation for the rest of our lives. Therefore, active participation in the life of the Church is expected and encouraged by the whole family both before and after Confirmation.

The confirmation class will cover the following topics:

- Class 1 God’s call and our response
- Class 2 Scripture/Tradition/Magisterium
- Class 3 Overview of Church History Since Pentecost & Saints
- Class 4 The Mass and overview of the Sacraments
- Class 5 Catholic Morality
- Class 6 Confirmation and Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit