

Confirmation Preparation 2023-2024

Faith Formation Classes

During School or Sunday Faith Formation class
St. Joseph Students are encouraged to attend Sunday

Retreats

Retreats are held at St. Joseph Activity Center 4pm-9pm

"I Suffer" Retreat, October 7, Candidate Only
"I Surrender" Retreat, February 17, Candidate and Sponsor
"I am Sealed" Retreat, 1 week after the Sacrament Mass

Celebration of Sacrament

The Diocese of Grand Rapids assigns the dates of Confirmation for all parishes. We have not received our date yet. You will be notified as soon as we know.

We will need liturgical ministers for the Mass, please prayerfully consider serving. We will send out more information once it is available.

Deadlines & Expectations

Complete Sacramental Registration Form

Saint Selection

-Saint report due November 5

Sponsor Selection

-Paperwork due 12/22

Meeting with Father

-15 minutes long

-With parent or sponsor

-Tentatively scheduled for 2/21-2/23

Attend all 3 retreats

Confirmation Defined

Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!";¹¹⁷
- it unites us more firmly to Christ;
- it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;¹¹⁸
- it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross:¹¹⁹

Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts.¹²⁰ (CCC 1303)