



St. Anne Catholic Church
Pleasant Prairie, WI
Sacrament of Confirmation Requirements

May 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Anne's sacramental preparation program for the reception of Confirmation! We are looking forward to partnering with you and ministering to you throughout this pivotal year in your youth's developing relationship with Jesus Christ. Together, over the course of the next few years, we will work to strengthen that relationship and build upon the spiritual foundation which you have lovingly labored to establish since the day of their Baptism. As we open this new chapter in your youth's Christian life, it is important to reflect on what Confirmation **is** and what it **is not**.

Confirmation is a sacrament, a sacred, visible sign instituted and communicated by Christ which makes His grace effective in our lives. This particular sacrament completes the graces which were infused in a soul at Baptism, offering "the same full outpouring of the Holy Spirit at once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1302). During this supernatural moment, the Holy Spirit will set a permanent seal upon your child's soul, strengthening your child to live as a disciple of Christ and to boldly spread and defend the faith by word and action" (CCC 1303). Through Confirmation, your youth will be more perfectly bonded with Christ and His Church. As you can see, this sacrament is a powerful gift which will grant your child the spiritual armor to do battle with the very real forces of darkness St. Paul describes in his letter to the Ephesians. "Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens" (Eph. 6:11-12).

Quite frequently, Confirmation is inaccurately viewed as a kind of religious graduation ceremony, a sentimental milestone that signifies a young person now knows all he or she needs to about God and the Catholic faith. Truthfully, a person is never done being formed in and conformed to Christ, and therefore, Confirmation does not mark the conclusion of the Christian's formation. Daily prayer, Sunday Mass attendance, and frequent reception of the sacrament of Confession remain just as vital after Confirmation as they did during the preparation process. As we enter into this new formation cycle, we ask you to prayerfully reflect on your's and your child's disposition to the sacrament, and of course, ask any questions you have along the way!

This packet outlines program information and requirements. Please review all the information, especially the Preparation Policy Parent & Youth Agreement and list of important dates. **A signed Parent & Youth Agreement is due by September 24, 2023.** Again, we are thrilled to partner with you, your youth's primary spiritual educators, as we prepare them to enter into a deeper friendship with Jesus. No catechist or activity can ever substitute your intentional example and presence with your youth, but we are honored to serve you as you strive to lead your children on the path to heaven. Please don't hesitate to call or email with any questions or concerns. May God bless you!

Mary Mowry

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APPLICATION

Registration Form

The HS Discipleship & Confirmation Registration Form may be completed by visiting the “Teen” Registration page on the St. Anne website. Please go to saint-anne.org to register by August 31, 2023.

Fee

The \$165.00 fee covers classroom materials, retreat materials/meals, and additional resources such as outside speaker fees. ***If not paid at the time of registration, the fee is due October 1, 2023.***

Baptismal Certificate

A copy of your child’s Baptismal certificate (not a birth certificate) must be submitted prior to the reception of the sacrament. Baptismal certificates may be emailed as files or photos to Mary Mowry at mmowry@saint-anne.org. Alternatively, a hardcopy may be dropped off at the parish office during our normal office hours. If your child was baptized at St. Anne’s, there is no need to submit a copy as we have a record of the baptism. ***Please submit your child’s Baptismal certificate by November 1, 2023.***

Preparation Policy Parent & Youth Agreement

This form serves to notify our pastor Fr. Bob Weighner and our teaching team of yours and your youth’s intent to prepare to receive Confirmation. By reading and signing this agreement, you indicate your commitment to the policy. ***The Parent & Youth Agreement is due September 24, 2023.***

PARENT MEETINGS

Outside of our third Sunday class meeting when parents are required to attend, we have four additional mandatory parent touch points throughout the year. ***At least one parent must be in attendance at each meeting/activity.***

- Parent/Youth Orientation | September 24, 2023 12:30 - 2 pm
- Eucharistic Adoration Event | November 12, 2022 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Candidate/Sponsor/Parent Night | February 16, 2024 6 - 7:30 pm
- Confirmation Rehearsal | May 31, 2024 6 - 8 pm



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FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Participation in our Faith Formation classes is an essential component of our sacramental preparation program. Classes take place the first three Sundays of each month (unless otherwise noted on the calendar) from 10:30 - 11:25 am. Youth are required to attend their three scheduled classes each month. Parents are required to attend the third and final class of the month. ***More than three unexcused absences may delay reception of Confirmation.***

RETREAT

The annual retreat is required for all high school youth registered with our program. It is a time of spiritual respite and deeper engagement as a high school community through prayer, talks, reflection, culminating with Mass and Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday evening. Fr. Bob encourages everyone in the parish to annually participate in a retreat as a way to detach from the noise and interruptions of the world and grow in the spiritual life. In a particular way, the retreat holds a special place for the Confirmation candidates who will use this as a final time to gather and reflect upon the sacrament of Confirmation they will be receiving in the spring. **Our tentative retreat dates are Friday, November 10th (evening) and Saturday, November 11th. Updates regarding our retreat will be shared in the coming months.**

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Each Confirmation candidate must complete a Candidate Questionnaire which will be sent to Auxiliary Bishop Haines by Mary Mowry one month prior to the scheduled Confirmation Mass. This questionnaire functions as the candidate's formal request to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates are to address why they want to receive the sacrament, cite examples of their experiences preparing for the sacrament (i.e. prayer, retreat, service, class time, etc.), and share the saint name they have chosen and why. Each questionnaire must be submitted to Mary Mowry for review in three separate draft waves:

- First Draft due January 7, 2024
- Second Draft due February 4, 2024
- Third Draft due March 3, 2024

Drafts must be submitted electronically through email using the fillable .pdf template established by the Archdiocese. This template will be emailed to all candidates and their parents in October 2023. ***The final draft must include the candidate's handwritten signature (electronic signatures will not be accepted) and is due March 3, 2024.***



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SPONSOR & SAINT NAME

A Confirmation sponsor is called to serve as a Catholic witness to the candidate and should be someone who can guide the candidate in the practice of his/her faith throughout the remainder of the candidate's life. The basic qualifications for Confirmation sponsor are as follows:

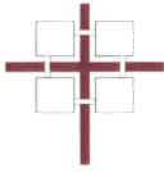
- 16 years of age or older
- Confirmed and practicing Catholic
- Not a parent – the sponsor may be a candidate's Baptismal godparent, a teacher, coach, aunt/uncle, older brother/sister, or friend

Confirmation candidates will select a saint name which will be taken at the time of anointing during the sacrament of Confirmation. When selecting a saint name, candidates should consider different saints' character traits, struggles, triumphs, or personal mission. Research is expected! *Sponsor and saint name selection forms are due December 3, 2023.* This form will be emailed to all candidates and parents in October 2023.

INTERVIEWS

Entry Interview

In order to get to know our candidates better and to review all requirements on an individual basis, Mary Mowry will meet with each candidate for an entry interview. Each interview will be approximately 10 minutes in length and will take place on the following Sundays: October 1st from 8:30 - 9 am, and October 8th, October 15th, and November 5th from 8 - 9 am. Mary will email all parents and candidates an interview sign-up form in early September. Candidates will sign-up for a 10 minute slot during the 8 - 9 am hour.



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Interview w/Fr. Bob Weighner

Each Confirmation candidate will meet with Fr. Bob for a brief 10 minute interview. Interviews will be held Saturday, February 24th, Saturday, March 2nd, and Saturday, March 9th from 9:30 - 11 am each day. The purpose of the interview is for Fr. Bob to get to know each candidate better. This is a great opportunity for candidates to ask him any questions they may have. Youth should be honest and straightforward. He will ask youth various questions such as:

- What are you involved in? At school? In the parish?
- What was your preparation like?
- What did you learn?
- What are the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit?
- How were your teachers?
- Are you struggling with anything?

Mary Mowry will share an interview sign-up form with all candidates and parents in December 2023. Candidates will sign-up for a 10 minute slot between 9:30 and 11 am.

PRAYERS

It is our expectation that families regularly pray together. In addition to knowing the basic prayers (i.e. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Apostle & Nicene Creeds, Grace Before Meals, the Act of Contrition), youth should know the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Gifts	Fruits
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Wisdom● Counsel● Understanding● Knowledge● Piety● Fortitude● Fear of the Lord	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Love● Joy● Peace● Patience● Faithfulness● Goodness● Gentleness● Modesty● Kindness● Generosity● Self-Control● Chastity

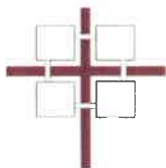


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SERVICE

A serious disciple prioritizes service to the parish and greater local community, and s/he does not need coaxing or convincing to serve others. As such we no longer require youth to complete a set amount of hours. Service hours are to be completed on your honor and with the understanding that service to others is integral to true discipleship. Please note the following service experiences and opportunities available through St. Anne's:

- Mass Ministries -- please email Mary Mowry (mmowry@saint-anne.org) or Rich Sosa (rsosa@saint-anne.org) if you are interested in serving in any of the following ways:
 - Lectoring (reading at Mass)
 - Greeting
 - Altar Serving
 - Music Ministry
- Decorating St. Anne's -- please contact Alice Stanula (astanula@johnsonfinancialgroup.com) if you are interested in helping decorate the church for any of the following seasons:
 - Lent
 - Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday)
 - Christmas
- Cleaning St. Anne's -- please contact Dan Weisner (weisnerdan@yahoo.com) if you are interested in helping clean the parish once each month or if you would like to help with different maintenance projects.
- Sandwich Saturdays -- please contact Rich Sosa (rsosa@saint-anne.org) if you would like to volunteer for Sandwich Saturday. Dates are TBD.



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CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Rehearsal - 5/31/24 @ 6 - 8 pm, Location: St. Anne's

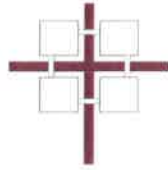
- Candidates and sponsors should be present.
- If a sponsor is unable to attend due to travel, work, etc., then one parent must stand in for the sponsor. Please relay information reviewed at the rehearsal to your sponsor.
- Please be prompt!

Confirmation Mass - 6/2/24 @ 2 pm, Location: St. Anne's

- Our celebrant is Auxiliary Bishop Jeffery Haines. The Confirmation Mass will likely be 1.5 - 2 hours in length.
- Candidates, parents, and sponsors should arrive at least 20 minutes early to find their designated pews and direct family/guests where to sit.
- Upon their arrival, each candidate will receive a nametag with his/her Confirmation saint name. This will allow the bishop to address candidates by their saint names during the anointing.
- Candidates' Confirmation certificates will be placed in their pews prior to Mass.
- At least one week prior to the Confirmation Mass, I will send out a seating chart which outlines where candidates, sponsors, parents/guests will sit during the Mass. We will review the seating arrangements at the rehearsal.
 - Sponsors will sit with their candidates.
 - Seating locations will be indicated by candidates' last names.

Reconciliation

In order to be properly disposed to receive the graces of the sacrament of Confirmation, candidates should receive the sacrament of Reconciliation in the week leading up to Confirmation. Proper disposition means that you are in a state of grace (not aware that you have committed any mortal sin), that you believe what Christ teaches through the holy, Catholic Church, and that you are receiving this sacrament of your own free will and not due to coercion. Parents and sponsors are also encouraged to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Confirmation.



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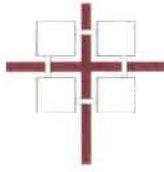
In addition to Reconciliation being offered during our rehearsal evening, Fr. Bob offers Reconciliation at the following times:

- Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 7:30 - 8:30 am and by appointment (call the parish office to schedule a time to receive the sacrament)
- You may also receive the sacrament of Reconciliation at another local parish:
 - St. Peter offers Reconciliation from 7:30 - 7:50 am on Monday - Saturday, and 3:30 - 4:30 pm on Saturday afternoons
 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel offers Reconciliation from 3 - 3:45 pm on Saturday afternoons
 - St. Anthony offers Reconciliation from 4:15 - 4:45 pm on Saturday afternoons

Candidate Confirmation Mass Attire

Candidates should be clean and well-groomed

- **All:**
 - No jeans, shorts, or flip flops
- Young women -- please wear a semi-formal outfit that reflects your dignity as a daughter of God, the beauty of this sacramental moment, and reverence for Jesus in the Eucharist.
 - No dress/skirt lengths more than 3" above the knee
 - No spaghetti straps or strapless dress unless worn with a light sweater, cardigan, shawl, blazer etc.
 - No form-fitting dress or skirt
 - No exposed midriff (i.e. crop top)
 - No exposed cleavage
- Young men -- please wear a semi-formal outfit that reflects your dignity as a son of God, the beauty of this sacramental moment, and reverence for Jesus in the Eucharist.
 - A full suit/tie is not necessary although encouraged
 - Slacks or khakis with a button-down shirt and tie are appropriate



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PREPARATION POLICY PARENT & YOUTH AGREEMENT

Having reviewed the requirements for HS Formation & Confirmation preparation, I will make every effort to fully engage and participate in the formation process, especially by:

- Attending Mass each Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation. If we are unable to attend Mass at St. Anne's, we will attend Mass at another parish (see Kenosha Area Mass Times sheet).
- Praying as a family at home at least once each week.
- **Youth** - Attending my faith formation classes, arriving on time, and remaining present for the entire class time.
- **Youth** - Reading assigned materials/books.
- **Parent** - Encouraging my youth's full, respectful engagement and participation at each class.
- **Parent** - Attending the required parent classes and sessions.
- **Parent** - Reading assigned materials/books.

I understand that failure to complete these requirements may delay reception of the sacrament of Confirmation; however, the sacrament will be administered later when we can complete these requirements.

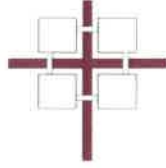
Date _____

Youth's Name (print)

Youth's Signature

Parent's Name (print)

Parent's Signature



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Important Mandatory Dates to Remember
Please mark these dates on your calendar

<u>APPLICATION</u>	
Registration Form	August 31, 2023
Preparation Policy Parent & Youth Agreement & Fee	September 24, 2023
Baptismal Certificate	November 1, 2023
Parent Meetings <i>Mandatory meetings outside of our third Sunday parent/youth class</i>	Parent/Youth Orientation September 24, 2023 12:30 - 2 pm Candidate/Sponsor/Parent Night February 16, 2024 6 - 7:30 pm Confirmation Rehearsal May 31, 2024 6 - 8 pm
Retreat	<i>Tentatively</i> November 10th (evening) and 11th
Candidate Questionnaire	First Draft due January 7, 2024 Second Draft due February 4, 2024 Third Draft due March 3, 2024
Sponsor Eligibility & Saint Name Selection Form	Due December 3, 2023
Confirmation Rehearsal	May 31, 2024 6 - 8 pm
Confirmation Mass	June 2, 2024 2 pm

Kenosha Catholic Church Mass Times

as of 2022-10-05 (check individual parish bulletins for the most up-to-date and accurate times)

CHURCH NAME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	CHURCH FULL ADDRESS	CHURCH PHONE NUMBER
St. James Catholic Church	--	--	--	--	--	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	--	--	5804 Sheridan Rd., Kenosha, WI 53140	262-657-1156
St. Elizabeth Catholic Church	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)	Wednesdays 3:00 - 5:45 p.m.	Wednesdays 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.	4816 7th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53140	262-657-1156
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church	7:15 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	7:15 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	8:30 a.m. (Latin) 4:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. (Latin)	Thursdays 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Thursdays 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	5400 19th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53140	262-652-7660
St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	--	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Sundays 8:00 - 8:20 a.m. & 10:00 - 10:20 a.m.	Fridays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. & 10:00 a.m. 1st Fri/Sat	2020 91st St., Kenosha, WI 53143	262-694-4695
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii Catholic Church	6:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Saturdays 3:00 p.m.	Wednesdays 7:00 a.m.	2224 48th St., Kenosha, WI 53140	262-652-2771
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church	--	--	--	7:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m. (First Friday)	5:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	Saturdays 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Sundays 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.	Thursdays 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	2223 51st St., Kenosha, WI 53140	262-652-1844
St. Peter Catholic Church	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Weekdays 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Saturdays 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. & 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Fridays 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	2224 30th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53144	262-551-9004
St. Anne Catholic Church	--	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m.	9:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Wednesdays & Fridays 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Saturdays 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Wednesdays & Fridays 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	9091 Prairie Ridge Blvd., Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158	262-942-8300
St. Benedict's Abbey-- Benedictine Monks at Benet Lake	5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	11:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m. [with music]	By appointment	Church open daily 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	12605 224th Avenue, Benet Lake, WI 53102	262-396-4311 262-877-3373
La Salette Shrine	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. (Polish)	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. (Polish)	Weekdays 6:15 p.m. Saturdays 11:30 a.m.	1st Fridays & 1st Saturdays 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	10330 336th Ave., Twin Lakes, WI 53181	262-877-3373
St. Mary Catholic Church	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	--	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	1st & 3rd Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Thursdays 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fridays 8:30 - 11:45 a.m.	7397 40th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53142	262-694-6018
St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church	--	--	9:30 a.m.	--	--	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. (Spanish) 2:00 p.m.	--	--	7117 14th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53143	262-656-7373
Holy Cross Catholic Church (Bristol Location)	--	--	--	--	--	--	10:30 a.m.	--	--	18700 116th St., Bristol, WI 53104	262-857-2068
Holy Cross Catholic Church (Wilnot Location)	--	--	--	--	--	4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	--	--	30100 Wilnot Rd., Wilnot, WI 53192	262-857-2068
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church	--	--	--	--	--	5:00 p.m. (Apr - Sep)	9:00 a.m. (Oct - Mar) 11:30 a.m. (Oct - Mar)	1st Saturdays (Apr-Sep) 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.	--	701 N. Lake Ave., Twin Lakes, WI 53181	262-877-5557
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church	--	--	--	--	--	5:00 p.m. (Oct - Mar)	9:00 a.m. (Apr - Sep) 11:30 a.m. (Oct - Mar)	1st Saturdays (Oct-Mar) 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.	--	6301 344th Ave., New Munster, WI 53152	262-537-4370
St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Saturdays 3:00 - 3:40 p.m.	--	40000 NORTH U.S. HIGHWAY 45, OLD MHL CREED, IL 60006	847-995-3474
Our Lady of the Lakes-- St. Peter Catholic Church	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	--	7:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Saturdays 8:15 - 9:00 a.m.	--	557 Lake St., Antioch, IL 60002	847-395-0274
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church	--	--	--	8:00 a.m.	--	--	--	By appointment	Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	1501 172nd Ave., Union Grove, WI 53182	262-878-2267
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church	--	--	8:00 a.m.	--	--	5:00 p.m.	--	Saturdays 4:00 - 4:40 p.m.	--	1704 240th Ave., Kanesville, WI 53139	262-878-2267

