

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CONFIRMATION 2023

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Paperwork is Due - Friday, January 27, 2023

- Confirmation Data Form
- Baptismal Certificate
- Sponsor Eligibility Form

Confirmation Saint Essay - Due Monday, May 1, 2023

Students choose a Confirmation Saint as an exemplary model and inspiration for living the Christian life until death. In the spring of 2022, students will be asked by their teacher or catechist to write a five-paragraph essay on their chosen patron Saint. Instructions for the essay will be given in class.

Letter to Fr. Fisher - Due Monday, May 1, 2023

Students are asked to write a letter to Fr. Fisher, Pastor of St. Ambrose Church, requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the spring of 2021, students will receive instructions in class on how they are to compose this letter.

Confirmation Service Hours & Reflection - Service hours Log check-in with teachers is due the week of March 20, 2023 and the completed log and reflection are due Monday, September 18, 2023

Students are required to perform at least 15 hours of service between now and September 18, 2023. There will be a mid-year check-in the week of March 20, 2023, with Mrs. Hutchison(school) and Mrs. Olivero (Religious Ed) to help the students keep on track. These 15 Confirmation hours should be oriented towards serving people through the corporeal and spiritual works of Mercy. Opportunities not listed on the 'Opportunities to Serve' sheet must be pre-approved by the Director of Religious Education. After completing their service, students are to write an essay reflecting on the Works of Mercy they performed. Instructions for the essay are included in this folder.

Grade Requirements

Students preparing for Confirmation must maintain an overall grade of 70% or higher in their religion class. Students whose Grade 7 final grade falls below this threshold must meet with the Director of Religious Education and/or Pastor, along with their parents, to determine their preparedness to receive the Sacrament.

Confirmation Retreat

A retreat will be held in the fall of 2023 for all students preparing for Confirmation. Students are expected to attend. The date is yet to be determined.

Confirmation Interviews

All students preparing for Confirmation will interview with a priest of the parish, the Director of Religious Education or the Coordinator of Youth Ministry prior being confirmed. Interviews will be scheduled in the fall of 2023. A Sign-Up Genius will be emailed to parents so that students can sign up for one 20-minute time slot between 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm.

Students will be expected to know the basic tenants of the Catholic faith, understand the Sacrament of Confirmation, and some essential prayers. They should be prepared to discuss their Confirmation Saint as well as the Works of Mercy they performed. The interview will also provide insight into the seriousness of the student's decision to be confirmed.

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Confirmation Rehearsal

A rehearsal for Confirmation will be held within the week prior to Confirmation. All students to be confirmed and their sponsors are expected to attend. If the sponsor cannot be present at the rehearsal, another responsible adult may attend on their behalf.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Candidates and sponsors will meet in the school gym at 6:00 pm. A reception will follow Confirmation in the St. Ambrose Parish Hall. The date is yet to be determined.

Confirmation candidates will wear Confirmation robes (that the parish rents) with appropriate attire underneath. Boys should wear dress pants, dress shoes, shirts and ties. Girls should wear modest dresses, or skirts or dress pants with blouses, and dress shoes. Jewelry and make-up should be tasteful and kept to a minimum. Candidates should comb their hair such that it does not fall on their foreheads.

All candidates are to wear their Confirmation robes during the Mass, the reception, and the taking of photographs before and after the Mass.