



St. Mary of Czestochowa
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Confirmation Expectations Fall 2024/Spring 2025

1. Why Be Confirmed?

- a. What? *“The sacrament of confirmation strengthens the baptized and obliges them more firmly to be witnesses of Christ by word and deed and to spread and defend the faith. It imprints a character, enriches by the gift of the Holy Spirit the baptized continuing on the path of Christian initiation, and binds them more perfectly to the Church.”* (Code of Canon Law 879)
- b. Who – *“Every baptized person not yet confirmed and only such a person is capable of receiving confirmation.”* (CCL 889)
- c. When – *“The faithful are obliged to receive this sacrament at the proper time. Parents and pastors of souls, especially pastors of parishes, are to take care that the faithful are properly instructed to receive the sacrament and come to it at the appropriate time.”* (CCL 890)

2. Curriculum

- a. Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation by Ascension Press
- b. Bible readings – the Sunday readings are assigned as homework
- c. Student Handbook (in blue folder)

3. Books

- a. Chosen Student Workbook: students can write in the workbooks and *need to bring them to each class*. If they miss a class, they must log into the Ascension Press portal for online access for Chosen videos and complete the lesson. Chosen website - <http://confirmationstudy.com/>. You will be sent a special link and instructions to set up access for new students. If the workbook is lost, a replacement will need to be purchased for \$20.
- b. Bibles – gift from parish – to be used throughout the year for weekly reading assignment.
- c. Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) – Confirmation gift

4. Student Expectations

- a. Enter the journey with a willing heart and an open mind.
- b. Support and encourage other candidates on the journey.
- c. Attend all sessions and if you can't make it, your parents must contact Rachel, Heather and/or the teacher. Bring your workbooks and folders to class. If you miss a class, complete the online lesson and homework assignment at home. *If Confirmation is scheduled prior to the last scheduled class, you are expected to attend the remainder of the classes.*
- d. Commit to consistent personal prayer throughout the journey.
- e. ***Attend Mass every Sunday (or Saturday vigil) and Holy Day of Obligation.*** You will be required to sign the attendance sheet on the back table of St Mary or if you attend another parish, bring a bulletin signed by the pastor of that parish or your parents.
- f. Commit to celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently.
- g. Complete the weekly homework assignments.
- h. Willingly engage in community service. Service projects are not required but are encouraged. There will be opportunities to assist with our fund-raising breakfasts this winter.

- i. Find a sponsor who meets the sponsor criteria:
 - i. Pick someone who is important to you and who is a good example of the faith. Read through the Choosing a Sponsor section of the handbook
 - ii. Have them complete the Sponsor Information Form and give them a copy of the Expectations Form.
 - iii. Maintain an open and honest relationship with your sponsor.
- j. Pick a Confirmation saint name
 - i. Review various saints and pick someone who is “special” or has some meaning (see section on Choosing a Saint Name)
 - ii. Write a one page, single spaced, summary of the life of the saint and why the saint was chosen, and present your report to the class (second year).
- k. Provide copy of Baptismal Certificate by the start of the second year.
- l. Participate in annual Confirmation retreats.
- m. Interview with Fr. Kubista prior to Confirmation.
- n. Attend Rite of Sending Mass at St Mary. Sponsors are encouraged to attend.
- o. Attend Confirmation. Please dress appropriately: men (nice shoes, shirt, and tie) and women (nice shoes and dress blouse/pants or a modest dress at knees or below)

5. Sponsor Expectations

- a. Sponsors need to be chosen by the end of the first year.
- b. Come to at least one event (i.e., class, retreat, Rite of Sending, volunteer activity)
- c. Do at least one spiritual activity together outside of the events (i.e., Mass, retreat, etc.)
- d. Sponsor eligibility form signed and returned by the last class of the first year.

6. Parent Expectations

- a. **Weekly Mass attendance is required.** Please make sure that your student is able to attend Mass and provide either a bulletin signed by you or the pastor of the parish you attended, or use the sign-in sheet on the back table at St Mary.
- b. Take an interest in what the student is learning.
- c. Help them get the required paperwork completed and returned.
- d. Help with weekly homework assignments. If student misses a class, make sure they complete the online lesson and the homework assignment. You will receive weekly email updates from your teachers with copies of homework sheets and other information.
- e. Attend parent meetings and feel free to attend class.

“Preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian 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. The latter bears special responsibility for the preparation of confirmands.”(CCC 1309)

Candidate Name (Print)

Parent Name (Print)

Candidate Signature

Parent Signature

Date