

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Drop-In June Registrations *(attend one)*

Sat.	Jun. 03, 2017	9AM - 12 PM
Sat.	Jun. 10, 2017	9AM - 12 PM
Sat.	Jun. 17, 2017	9AM - 12 PM
Sat.	Jun. 24, 2017	9AM - 12 PM

Parent Information Night *(attend one)*

Wed	Sep. 06, 2017	7 pm
Mon	Sep. 11, 2017	7 pm

Confirmation Sessions

Mon	Sep. 18, 2017	6:30 pm
Sat	Sep. 30, 2017	10 am – 1 pm
Sat	Oct. 21, 2017	10 am – 1 pm
Mon	Oct. 30, 2017	6:30 pm
Mon	Nov. 13, 2017	6:30 pm

Candidates are expected to attend **all Sessions.** The **Saturday retreat is also mandatory** in order to be confirmed. The blue Decision Point books must also be brought to every session.

Service Project Deadline

Saturday, November 4th, 2017

Confirmation Retreat

Sat. Nov 04, 2017 9:30 am–1:30 pm

(The retreat will begin with the confirmation rehearsal, sponsors or a responsible adult should attend if possible.)

Confirmation Mass

Sun. November 19, 2017
3pm and 6pm

What you need to bring to the Registration:

- ❖ **Baptism certificate of the candidate with the complete mailing address of the church of Baptism. (If not in English the complete certificate must be translated into English).**
- ❖ **And yes, even if the candidate was Baptized at St. Thomas More, we still need you to bring a photocopy of the candidate's Baptism certificate.**
- ❖ **Name of candidate's sponsor.**
- ❖ **Proof of the sponsor's Baptism and Confirmation.**
- ❖ **\$30 for materials**

The Sacrament of
Confirmation
Grades 7-12
Sunday, November 19, 2017
Register by June 24, 2017



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What is Confirmation?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that “*by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] 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.*” (CCC #1285) [Emphasis added]

There are, then, three effects that the Sacrament has on the confirmed:

1. *They are more perfectly bound to the Church.*

This means that Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism. It is the final of the three Sacraments of Initiation.

2. *Enriched with strength of the Holy Spirit.*

After a person receives the Sacrament they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit: Courage, Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Piety, Council, and Fear of the Lord.

3. *Obliged to Spread and Defend the faith.*

4. Confirmation gives the believer the courage to follow Christ’s mission to spread the Gospel to all people.

What does this mean?

Confirmation is not supposed to be a rite of passage, graduation from Church, or a religious hoop to jump through. It is supposed to give us the strength to live our faith publicly. That means that, firstly, we should be practicing our faith privately.

To properly practice the faith, Catholics should follow the Five Precepts of the Church. These are:

1. Going to Mass every Sunday and on Christmas and New Year’s.
2. Going to Confession once a year
3. Receiving Communion once a year (after confession all serious sins)
4. No meat on Fridays in Lent and fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
5. Providing for the needs of the Church

What You Need to Know...

Who may be Confirmed?

Any person baptized in the Roman Catholic Church who has not yet been Confirmed may celebrate this sacrament. At St. Thomas More, this sacrament is celebrated for youth in Grade 7 and older. Candidates (those to be confirmed) must go through the confirmation preparation, be properly disposed to receive the sacrament and be able to renew their baptismal promises.

Children Baptized in an Eastern Catholic Church were likely Confirmed at the time of Baptism and remain members of the Eastern Catholic Church. The Sacrament of Confirmation is not repeated.

What will be required in order to be confirmed? There is a 4-step process:

1. Parents **must register** at the Parish before June 24th **at the** parish. You **must** bring a copy of the Baptismal certificate of the person to be Confirmed and the \$30.00 fee that will be collected for materials. **Then** parents must attend **one** of the (Parent’s only) information nights on either on Sept. 06 **OR** on Sept. 11 (7:00 PM – 8:00 PM).
2. The Candidates **must attend all** of the Confirmation Sessions.
3. The Candidates **must** prepare for their confirmation by completing assignments and service projects which will be assigned during the preparation or emailed directly to candidate’s parents.
COMPLETION DEADLINE: November 04, 2017.
4. The Candidates **must** attend the retreat held on Saturday, November 04, 2017.

The parent meeting, the Decision Point sessions, and the retreat are all held at St. Thomas More Church in the Parish hall.

What if the candidate has not received 1st Reconciliation or 1st Holy Communion?

The candidate **must** attend classes (held in the Fall) for these two sacraments before he or she can be Confirmed.

Is there paperwork for Confirmation? Yes!

The candidate **must** have a valid Roman Catholic baptism certificate. A copy of the certificate **must** be given to us at the parent information meeting. The address of the church where the baptism took place must be provided. **If this certificate is not written in English, a translation to English must be provided. {And yes, if the candidate was baptized at St. Thomas More, we still need a copy of their certificate}.**

Who can be a sponsor? Each candidate for Confirmation **must** be accompanied by **one** sponsor. One godparent from baptism is encouraged to serve as the sponsor. The sponsor **must** be a practicing Roman Catholic who is sixteen years old or older. He or she **must** have received 1st Eucharist and been Confirmed. Parents cannot sponsor their own children. Proof of the Sponsor’s Catholic Baptism and Confirmation is required. A sponsor is to be a role model of Catholic Christian living and for this reason, **must** be living the life of faith within the Roman Catholic Church. The sponsor’s name **must** be provided at the parent information meeting.

Is there special clothing for Candidates?

Candidates should dress formally. Jeans and sneakers are not considered appropriate dress.

Do candidates choose a Confirmation name?

No. This is no longer a practice.

When is Confirmation celebrated?

Sunday November 19, 2017

Mass times: 3pm & 6 pm