



2024-2025 Confirmation 2

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Overview

The Sacrament of Confirmation is the third Sacrament of Initiation and is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace (CCC 1285). By this Sacrament, our children are Sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as Christ's Disciples were on Pentecost.

In order to receive the Sacrament, the Church has found it necessary to prepare through formation to become spiritually mature Catholics with a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and familiarity with the Holy Spirit (CCC 1309). This formation also prepares the youth to participate fully in the mission of the church, evangelizing as the Disciples did.

Saint Kilian Confirmation will provide your children with the formation, a Catechist, a Skylight, and a small group to walk through the process with them.

Confirmation Program Summary

- 10 Sessions on Sunday evenings after the 5pm Mass
- 1 Retreat is Required
- 5 Sky nights are Required
- 1 Service Event is Required
- Lent Penance Service is Required
- Saint Report is due March 9th
- Sponsor Form is due March 9th
- Bishop Letter is due March 16th

Sessions

Confirmation Sessions take place on Sunday evenings in Hughes Hall following the 5pm Mass. These sessions provide your children an opportunity to learn about our Faith in community with their small groups. They'll have a chance to enjoy fun and faith-building activities pertaining to the night's topic. Participation in the sessions is required and attendance is always taken. One absence is permitted, however not recommended, and anyone missing more than one session will have to meet with Fr. Angelos to determine their fitness to continue in the Confirmation program. Dinner is provided at the start of every session thanks to the hard work of the families. Receiving the Sacrament is dependent upon participation in the sessions and additional activities.

Retreat

This is a much needed experience in the life of young Catholics as it gives them an opportunity to put the usual business of life behind them to focus on their relationship with God. By retreating away from the world, they can draw near to Him and each other as well. Retreats are a great time to become closer with their groups, have



fun playing games, and enjoy a weekend together praising the Lord.. This year's retreat will be at the beautiful St. Edward Retreat Center in Wrightwood, CA. The day prior to retreat is check-in here at St. Kilian to drop off luggage, look over paperwork, and answer any questions. On Friday afternoon they'll depart, enjoy the weekend, and return Sunday afternoon.

SKY Nights

Saint Kilian Youth "SKY" is the church's high school ministry happening Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8:30pm. Teens in the Confirmation program are required to go to 5 SKY nights per year in Confirmation. This is your child's opportunity to connect with others at their parish, make friends, and enjoy being in a youth group. For some, this may be their only fun and faith outlet in their week so while we require only 5 each year, it's highly recommended that they participate regularly. There will be 2-3 youth ministry events throughout the year that also count towards Sky nights like Youth Day or Life Teen's Inspiration.

Service Event

Throughout the year there will be various youth ministry and parish events that request the assistance of volunteers from the Confirmation Program. Teens are required to serve at one service event per year, however they're welcome to serve as often as they'd like. This can also count as service hours for other extracurriculars like their school, scouts, clubs etc. We will provide them a chance to sign up for one at almost every session.

Additional Requirements

- Lent Penance Service: Participation is required to prepare the hearts of the faithful for Easter and Confirmation soon after. Date and time to be determined.
- Sponsor: A Sponsor is an important part of preparing for Confirmation. A Sponsor accompanies each teen through the process and provides support for their faith. A form will be sent home to ensure that your chosen Sponsor meets the requirements and returned to us by the due date.
- Saint Report: A Saint is researched and a small report is written about them to share why they were selected. This will be your child's Saint at the Confirmation Mass.
- Bishop Letter: Our Bishop's enjoy hearing the youth's excitement for the Sacrament and about their experience. This is a chance to share with our Church's leadership.
- Rehearsal and Confirmation Mass: Prior to the Mass we will have a mandatory rehearsal to go over how the Sacrament will be distributed. The Confirmation Mass date and time is determined by our Bishops.

Communication

The Director of Youth Ministry will send out regular reminders about upcoming sessions, events, and requirements will go out through our service Remind.com to both parents and teens to make sure everyone is in the loop. This will help everyone progress through the year without falling behind. We will email parents individually and call when necessary for specific requests as needed. Please feel free to call us anytime with questions or email if necessary. We're happy to serve you!