



# CONFIRMATION 2022

## St. Paul Catholic Church

“... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses...”  
**Acts 1:8**

### INVITATION

We welcome you and your family to the St. Paul Confirmation Program! At St. Paul, all high school teens (9th grade & above) are invited to begin the process of Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation. Teens who begin Confirmation Preparation in Fall of 2021 will be confirmed Spring 2022 with Bishop William Wack, Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 2pm.

### WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism. Baptism is the beginning of new life and Confirmation is the strengthening of new life. We receive the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. Confirmation unites us more firmly to Christ and increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us.

### WHY CONFIRMATION PREPARATION?

The Confirmation Preparation process consists of various elements, which provide a framework for supporting youth and the parish as they grow as a faith community. The process includes opportunities for learning, service, and worship, which require sufficient time for growth, reflection, and maturation. The preparation time is essential to the process. Confirmation invites youth to life-long faith formation and to service in ministry. It is not a graduation from church! It is a beginning, not an end. We look forward to this journey as we explore and enrich our faith together by following Christ and being open to the Holy Spirit.

# CONFIRMATION REQUIRED EVENTS & ACTIVITIES 2021-22

## 1. Mass

Keep Holy the Lord's Day.

The Eucharistic Liturgy is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Regular weekly Sunday Mass attendance is vital to the spiritual growth of every Catholic. At weekly Sunday Mass, teens experience the depths of God's love through the Word, the community, and the Eucharist. In person Mass Times at St Paul are:

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 4:30 pm    **Sunday:** 8:30 am, 11:00 am & 6pm

**Online Mass:** 8:30 am StPaulCatholicPensacola on Youtube

Traveling for the weekend? Visit [masstimes.org](https://www.masstimes.org) to find a Mass near you!

**Required Event:** **Retreat with Mass Teaching** – For Parents & Teens February 20

## 2. Parent Involvement

This year's class will take place in each home, where parents and teens will pray, study, and prepare together for the great Gift of the Holy Spirit. The parish will provide guidance, materials, and support along the way.

## 3. Confirmation Prep Online Classes and Projects

We will utilize the Ascension Press Confirmation preparation program entitled, "Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation." This is a 24-session video-based, online course with supplementary materials for parents and teens to use together. It is our hope that this time will not only offer your child a thorough knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith, but will also win over their heart at this critical time in their life. The program has been designed to address and answer your child's fundamental questions about life, and to challenge him or her to embrace a life of faith.

There are 2 additional projects that need to be completed: Attend a Mass Teaching/ Tour of the Church (this will be included in our retreat) and compose a letter to the Bishop and our Pastor on why you want to be confirmed. There will be check in points and due dates throughout the year to keep everyone on task.

## 4.Choosing a Saint Name

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we choose a Saint name. This should be the name of a saint who models for us what it truly means to pursue and live holiness. It is never too early to choose their saint and begin asking for his/her intercession as they seek to live a life of holiness each day.

## 5.Choosing a Sponsor

Sponsors are people who you can rely on during your faith journey. They should be people with a deep commitment to the Catholic faith and who are active, confirmed members of their parish. They should be willing to listen to you, help you answer questions, and be willing to share their faith and example with you. Sponsors are expected to maintain REGULAR contact with their candidate to pray, socialize and develop a stronger relationship. Sponsor must be selected by January 2022. There is a sponsor form on the website that needs to be filled out returned to the parish. Sponsor's can receive a sponsor guide via emailed link.

## 6.Session Details

Lessons should be done in order. Do not do 4 sessions at once. This is a process and should be done weekly. Dates for completing each lessons are listed on the back of this handout.

- Step 1: Opening prayer. In workbook, read *Dive In* and then watch video presentations and answer questions. Answer question that will be sent to you via weekly Flocknote Lesson email.
- Step 2: Read *To the Heart* and answer question that will be sent to you via weekly Flocknote Lesson email. Answer extra credit question to be qualified for end of year award!
- Step 3: In the Chosen workbook, read the *Challenge of the Week* (choose one). Read the *Wrap Up* and "What's the Word?" in the **Taking It Home** section.
- Step 4: With your parent read the *Hero of the Week*, discuss how the life of the saint relates to this weeks lesson.
- Step 5: Read the closing prayer and add any personal intentions you may have. (Hero of the week and closing prayer can be saved for family prayer time if parent is not present or available when confirmand is completing the lesson.

# CONFIRMATION CHECK OFF LIST

- ☐ Register for Confirmation at: <https://www.stpaulcatholic.net/confirmation>.
- ☐ Mail check or pay online for Confirmation.
- ☐ Turn in copy of Baptismal Certificate.
- ☐ Turn in Confirmation Participation Agreement.
- ☐ Register for Flocknote at on our website, <https://www.stpaulcatholic.net/>.
- ☐ Register for the program portal once you receive the access code.
- ☐ Review dress code on parish website for Confirmation Sunday.

## CHOSEN SESSION AND PROJECT COMPLETION DATES

- ☐ September 26      **Session 1-4**
  - ☐ October 24      **Session 5-8**
  - ☐ November 21      **Session 9-12**
  - ☐ December 19      **Session 13-16**
- ☐ **Sponsor Approval Form** (form on website)

## Christmas Break: December 19 - January 2, 2021

- ☐ January 30      **Session 17-20**
  - ☐ February 13      **Letter to the Bishop/ Pastor** (outline on website)
  - ☐ February 27      **Session 21-24**
  - ☐ March 6      Retreat with Mass Teaching/ Tour of the Church 9am-4:30 (In Person)
- Turn in Certificate of Completion for Chosen**
- March 11-20      Spring Break**
- ☐ March      Go to Confession before Confirmation
  - ☐ April 2      Rehearsal in Church 12 PM

**Sunday, April 3, 2022**      *Confirmation Mass*

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