

St. Martin
Confirmation Program
Candidate Registration



Full name: _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____

Phone contact: _____

Email: _____

Father's name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mother's name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Your date of Birth: _____

Place of baptism and date? _____

Have you received your First Communion? _____

Grade in School? _____

Sponsor's Name (if known) _____

Confirmation Name (saint's name) (if known) _____

St. Martin Confirmation Schedule

2020-2021

9th Grade & PSR



Night program on Wednesday's from 6:30-8pm in cafeteria

Online at: dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view

Date	Session
9/16/20	1: LIFE IS CHOICES...
10/7/20	2: WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?
10/21/20	3: THE JESUS QUESTION...
11/4/20	4: THE PRAYER PROCESS...
11/18/20	5: THE BIBLE...
12/2/20	6: RELATIONSHIPS...
12/16/21	7: THE EUCHARIST...
1/20/21	8: THE HOLY SPIRIT...
2/3/21	9: THE CHURCH...
2/24/21	10: CONFIRMATION...
3/3/21	11: MADE FOR MISSION...
3/24/21	12: HOLINESS IS POSSIBLE...



DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

April: Confirmation at St. Martin parish with Bishop Shawn McKnight

St. Martin Catholic Parish

Confirmation program 2020– 2021

Handbook for the Confirmation Journey



Sunday and Holy Day, Mass attendance

The Mass and the Eucharist are the very center of our Catholic faith. The obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses and to avoid unnecessary work on those days is a responsibility for all Catholics. We expect all of our Confirmation candidates to understand and accept this rule, which is based on the Third Commandment.

Confirmation Introduction to Parish

During preparation for Confirmation there will be times where we will ask the candidates to help at a Sunday Mass to be an active member in the parish liturgical life. If at any time the candidates would like to sign up to help, they can do so either on a time and talent form or by contacting the parish office. Also the candidates will be a part of the petitions in Mass throughout the year.

Baptismal Certificates

Baptism is necessary before one can receive any other Sacrament. Every Confirmation candidate should know the Church in which they were baptized. All church records are kept at the parish of Baptism. All candidates need to submit a current copy of their Baptismal Certificate by **December 2, 2020**. Even if it was done at St. Martin's Church please contact the office so they can get one ready. If calling another parish just let them know it is for Confirmation and they will know what to do. Have them send it to:
St. Martin Catholic Church 7148 St. Martins Ave., Jefferson City, MO 65109.

Parent's Participation

The participation of the parents in the Confirmation program is vital. It is important for you to set the example for your child as he or she takes on the responsibility of a Confirmed Catholic. The example of the parent's prayer life and attitude toward Jesus Christ and His Church is the best teaching sons and daughters will ever have. Although it is the candidates responsibility to complete the program, it is the parent's responsibility to help them with it.

Saint's Name

A name identifies us and tells others who we are. Confirmation candidates are asked to check into reasons for their baptismal name if they are not aware of the reason. They may choose a new name as a sign of growth in faith. One may keep the baptismal name to emphasize the fact that Confirmation is a sealing of the Baptismal Commitment but one may choose a different name after a saint that they may want. The candidate is asked to write a short essay on their name chosen for Confirmation (at least ½ page please). You can find many Saints names in various catholic books or on line sources.

Sponsors

Historically, sponsors were those Christians who presented their friends as candidates for Christian initiation. When infant Baptism came into practice, it was usually the parents who presented their children to the community, godparents being chosen in case the parents could not fulfill their responsibilities. According to the new Code of Canon Law, Baptismal godparents are preferred as Confirmation Sponsors because of the unity of Baptism and Confirmation. This assumes the godparents are practicing the Catholic faith. However, other practicing Catholics may be chosen as Confirmation sponsors.

Confirmation sponsors must be mature in their faith and at least 16 years old; this means that he/she must feel comfortable answering questions the candidate might have and sharing his/her faith. The sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. A parent may not be their child's sponsor. All sponsors must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church; if the sponsor is married, he or she must be in a valid marriage according to the Catholic Church.

Sponsor involvement

- All sponsors are invited to attend the meetings with the candidates.
- All confirmation candidates are to meet with the sponsor 3 times during the year to discuss their journey, seek answers to questions they might have, and to develop a close friendship.
- A session guide will be provided to help out with the meetings.
- All sponsors must be at the Rite of Confirmation unless other arrangements are made.

Knowledge and Faith Formation

We will use the confirmation program called Decision Point by Dynamic Catholic. This program uses video presentations and class discussion. The use of the Catechism, the Holy Bible, and guest speakers will also be part of our program too.

Decision Point is available online at: www.dynamiccatholic.org/confirmation

You can download or stream these videos and also the handbook as well. This is a great way for parents and sponsors to interact with the candidates along their journey.

In the event of class being canceled due to weather or other circumstances, students will be asked to view the session and answer the questions either by themselves or with a group of peers. This way we can stay on track and keep everyone learning at the same pace.

Letter to the Bishop

Candidates are asked to write a letter to Bishop W. Shawn McKnight indicating a desire to receive, and reasons for wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It should be a statement of future commitment to study the faith and to advance the cause of Christ Jesus through His Church. A handout for the letter is provided in the folder to all candidates. This will be due on the March 3rd session.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

All candidates are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation often and at least during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Additionally, it is required that all candidates and their sponsors be in the state of grace at the time of Confirmation.

Confirmation Ceremony Dress code

All candidates are to dress appropriately for church throughout the year especially for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. These guidelines are for the Confirmation Ceremony:

Men- Dress slacks, dress shirt/tie, dress shoes and a Sports/Suite Jacket (optional)

Woman- Dress or skirt of an appropriate length for Church, dress shoes, and if a dress is worn no spaghetti strings or open back please. If nail polish is worn, it should be a subdued or pastel color. Dress suits are fine too.

Corsages and boutonnieres may and are encouraged to be worn for this special occasion.

The sponsor should also be appropriately dressed, since in their role, they are an official representative of the Church.

A level of maturity is assumed of all youth seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Because of this, all students are required to be respectful of teachers, helpers and chaperones.

They are expected to be attentive and prepared for class. While students may be at different levels spiritually, we also expect all students to be open and sincerely seeking the truth.

Faith sharing and sensitive material that others share during class is to be held confidentially unless given permission to discuss outside of class, please.

“The purpose of our lives is to reveal God to men.

And only where God is seen does life truly begin.

Only when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is.

We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution.

Each of us is the result of a thought of God.

Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary.”

~ His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI



Consent Form for Direct Communication with Minors

This form allows you, the parent or guardian, to be aware of the various forms of communication used in your parish's youth formation programs. It allows you to identify who may communicate directly with your child and by what means. Parents or guardians will always be included on all written or digital communications with their child, and will always be granted full access to any digital or social media forum used for parish ministry to young people.

To be Completed by Parish Ministry Program

Parish Name: <u>St. Martin</u>
Specific Ministry/Event: <u>Confirmation / youth group</u>
Ministry Leader: <u>Mark McGuire</u>
Phone number used for ministry/event: _____
Email address used for ministry/event: <u>stmartinparishoffice@gmail.com</u>
Digital and social media platforms used in this ministry or event (list all that apply): _____

To be Completed by Parent or Guardian

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Child Name: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> You may not contact my child directly.
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact with my child is permissible via the following methods (check all that apply):
<input type="checkbox"/> Phone calls to this telephone number _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Text message to this telephone number _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Email to this address _____
<input type="checkbox"/> The following social networking sites sponsored by this ministry (list below) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Video and Photography Consent

This form allows you, the parent or guardian, to identify how images of your child may or may not be used for purposes of print, online or social media communication or promotion. In any print, digital and online postings, your child will never be identified by written caption without specific written consent of the parent. Your child will never be "tagged" in any posting through social media.

Parish Name: _____

Sponsoring Ministry: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Child(ren) Name(s): _____

- You **may not** use any images, video, or audio of my child in any online, social media, or print format for any reason.

- I consent that photographs/video recordings/audio recordings of my child may be used in the following circumstances (check all that apply):
 - Posted within a private, closed Facebook group moderated by the sponsoring parish ministry/event.
 - Posted on a public Facebook page moderated by the parish.
 - Posted on a public webpage or website moderated by the parish or sponsoring ministry/event.
 - Posted in the print or online version of the parish bulletin.
 - Posted on other digital or print promotional materials or publications affiliated with parish or sponsoring ministry.

Signature: _____ Date: _____