



# CONFIRMATION 2024

## 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 2023 will be confirmed Spring 2024 with Bishop William Wack, Sunday, March 17, 2024 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.

See Confirmation Session Guide below for more information.

# **CONFIRMATION REQUIRED**

## **EVENTS & ACTIVITIES 2023-24**

### **1. Mass**

#### **Keep Holy the Lord's Day.**

The Eucharistic Liturgy is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Regular weekly 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.

Mass Times at St Paul are:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:00 am & 5pm

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

### **2. Parent Involvement**

As the first and primary educators of the faith to your children, we invite you to be involved in your child's formation by praying together, attending Mass together and discussing their Confirmation preparation.

### **3. Confirmation Prep Classes and Projects**

We will be using the Ascension Press Confirmation preparation program entitled, "Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation." We'll provide parents with talking points to use at home and information and instructions on how to choose a sponsor and Confirmation Saint. 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.

We will meet as a group 7 times throughout this year and some lessons will be completed at home. I will send weekly email reminders to the students to keep them on track.

The students will also compose a letter to the Bishop and our Pastor on why you want to be confirmed.

### **4. 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 forms must be submitted by December 3, 2024. There is a sponsor form on the website that needs to be filled out returned to the parish.

## **5. 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.

### **CONFIRMATION CHECK OFF LIST**

- Register for Confirmation at: <https://www.stpaulcatholic.net/confirmation>
- Mail check or pay online for Confirmation
- Turn in Confirmation Participation Agreement
- Request a recent copy of baptismal certificate, I can do this for you if you have provided the name of the church, city and state

## Schedule

Parent Meeting for Confirmation: August 20, 2023 at 6:30pm

**8/27/2023**

**9/24/2023**

**10/22/2023**

**11/12/2023**

**12/3/2023: Make- Up Class**

1/7/2024

2/4/2024

**3/10/2023: Penance Service 9am - 12pm & Confirmation Walk through with sponsors at 12:15pm**

Students are required to attend 4 of the 6 classes, preferably all. I have added a make up class to help you with that. The Penance Service is mandatory, any absences will have to be approved by our pastor.

**Confirmation Mass! Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 2pm**

For more information, please contact **Debbie Ridder, Director of Sacramental Education and Evangelization**

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