

CONFIRMATION

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA



Information Packet for
St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School Students
2021-2022



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For Parents

This is an exciting time for your family! Your child is preparing for Confirmation, a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit meant to strengthen them for a life of following Jesus as a disciple. It is our privilege to help you during this time with your ministry to your child. In that spirit, it is important to note that this is not a process that takes place solely in class. This is a process that involves you. It is a continuation of the work you've done throughout your child's life to help them to follow Jesus as a disciple.

Please, take some time to review this packet and then have a talk with your child about Confirmation and what will be required. It will be your responsibility as a parent to ensure that the information in this packet is understood and completed by your child.

Confirmation date 2022: TBD

Confirmation Requirements: Year I

“During Year I, catechists are to give special attention to assisting the candidates in their evangelization, exposure to the essentials of the faith, experiences of conversion, community, liturgy and prayer.”

– General Norms for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Year I:

1. Year I Confirmation Retreat

- A retreat will take place during the school day during Catholic Schools Week 2022. More information will be available closer to the retreat.
- *QUESTIONS:* For questions regarding the retreat contact Mrs. Mallory.

2. 10 Community Service Experiences (Due date: May 1, 2022)

- All current Year I candidates are required to complete 10 community service experiences before the end of Year I. They will be required to complete an additional 10 community services experiences during Year II, for a total of 20 community service experiences.
- Community Service Experience Opportunities will be available through the school as well as the parish throughout the school year.
 - See Appendix B for Community Service Experience Opportunities available through the parish.
 - Additional opportunities will be posted under grade 7 and grade 8 on SchoolSpeak and emailed to parents as they come available.
 - Parents may also choose to do something outside of the opportunities listed.
- A “Confirmation Service Experience” form should be filled out for each experience and turned into Mrs. Mallory.

- Please use the “Works of Mercy” as a guide to whether something qualifies for a service experience. Service experiences may not directly benefit the candidate. As such, school or team fundraisers would not normally qualify. Altar Serving does not count towards hours.

<u>Corporal Works of Mercy:</u>	<u>Spiritual Works of Mercy</u>
1. To Feed the Hungry	1. To Instruct the Ignorant
2. To Give Drink to the Thirsty	2. To Counsel the Doubtful
3. To Clothe the Naked	3. To Admonish Sinners
4. To Shelter the Homeless	4. To Bear Wrongs Patiently
5. To Visit the Sick	5. To Forgive Offences Willingly
6. To Ransom the Captive	6. To Comfort the Afflicted
7. To Bury the Dead	7. To Pray for the Living and the Dead

- **QUESTIONS:** For questions regarding Community Service Experiences contact Mrs. Mallory.
3. Patron Saint Essay (Due date: TBD by Mrs. Mallory)
- Graded classroom assignment given by Mrs. Mallory.
 - **QUESTIONS:** For questions regarding this assignment contact Mrs. Mallory.
4. Sponsor/Mentor and Sponsor Form (Due date: May 1, 2022)
- Sponsor
 - “The sponsor sees that the one confirmed acts as a true witness to Christ and fulfills the obligation of the sacrament. Specifically, the sponsor 1) helps the candidate live the Catholic life, 2) serves as a role model of faith for the candidate and 3) in the case of a candidate who is a child of catechetical age, supports the candidate’s parents in their child’s faith development.”
 - As such, sponsors are expected to work with their candidates to prepare for Confirmation throughout the year and to pray regularly for their candidate. Sponsors must also, when possible, attend all Confirmation Workshops.
 - Qualifications to be a Sponsor:
 1. A member of the Roman Catholic Church
 2. A minimum of 16 years of age

3. Recipient of the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist
 4. A Catholic in good standing
 5. Currently in a marriage recognized by the Church as valid, if married
 6. Living a life consistent with a single person as defined by the Church, if unmarried
 7. Parents may not serve as sponsors for their children
- To confirm that these requirements are met, a completed “Confirmation Sponsor” form must be submitted to Mrs. Mallory by the date assigned. Forms must be signed by the Sponsor’s Pastor.
 - **QUESTIONS:** For questions regarding sponsors and mentors, please contact Mr. Ed Snyder (esnyder@scswf.org).
- Mentor
 - If a Sponsor, due to distance or some other unavoidable circumstance, cannot attend the workshops, then a mentor must be chosen to help the candidate prepare throughout the year. This person should meet the same requirements of a sponsor.
 - **QUESTIONS:** For questions regarding sponsors and mentors, please contact Mr. Ed Snyder (esnyder@scswf.org).

Confirmation Requirements: Year II

"In the Diocese of Raleigh, a two-year formation program is required prior to the celebration of Confirmation."

–General Norms for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Year II:

1. Confirmation Workshops

- November 17th, 7:30PM-8:45PM AND March 30, 7:30PM-8:45PM
- Attend both workshops with your sponsor/mentor.
- No registration necessary.
- The workshops will take place at the school in the cafeteria.
- **QUESTIONS:** For questions regarding confirmation workshops, please contact Mr. Ed Snyder (esnyder@scswf.org).

2. Letter to the Pastor (Due date: TBD by Sister Jacinta)

- Graded classroom assignment given by Sister Jacinta.
- A letter (about one page), addressed to Fr. Bill John, requesting the sacrament of Confirmation should be completed. This letter must be typed, double spaced and include the following:
 1. Candidate's Name
 2. A formal request for the sacrament: "I am writing to request the sacrament of Confirmation."
 3. The Candidate's patron saint and why they chose them
 4. A short explanation of why the candidate is requesting the sacrament
 5. A short explanation of what the candidate has done to prepare for the sacrament
- **QUESTIONS:** For questions regarding the Interview with the Pastor contact Sister Jacinta.

3. Baptismal Certificate (Provided to the parish by the school front office)

4. Interview with the Pastor (Due date: TBD/Coordinated by Sister Jacinta)

- The interviews will take place during the school day. Once a date is set, this will be communicated to parents by Sister Jacinta.
- To prepare for the interview, candidates must be ready to answer the following:
 - Why did you choose your patron saint?
 - What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit? (Be ready to define them.)
 - What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit?
 - Know how to take part in the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)
 - Candidates should have memorized: (See Appendix D)
 1. Our Father
 2. Hail Mary
 3. Glory Be
 4. The Creed
 5. Prayer to St. Michael
 6. Morning offering
- **QUESTIONS:** For questions regarding the Interview with the Pastor contact Sister Jacinta.

5. Year II Confirmation Retreat

- A retreat will take place during the school day during Catholic Schools Week 2022. More information will be available closer to the retreat.
- **QUESTIONS:** For questions regarding the retreat contact Sister Jacinta.

6. 10 Community Service Experiences (Due March 1, 2022)

- All current Year II candidates are required to complete 10 community service experiences (in addition to the 10 community service experiences they did during Year I) before Confirmation.
- Community Service Experience Opportunities will be available through the school as well as the parish throughout the school year.

- See Appendix C for Community Service Experience Opportunities available through the parish.
- Additional opportunities will be emailed to parents as they come available.
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- **QUESTIONS:** For questions regarding Community Service Experiences contact Sister Jacinta.

Appendix A: Communication

The following people are involved as a team to assist you and your child through the Confirmation process. Under each requirement, you will find the person whom you should contact if you have questions.

Mrs. Bonnie Mallory	6-7 Grade Religion	bmallory@scswf.org
Sister Jacinta Coscia	8 Grade Religion	srcoscia@scswf.org
Mr. Ed Snyder	Youth Director, Parish	esnyder@scswf.org

FLOCKNOTE MESSAGES:

Flocknote messages are the primary way in which the Youth Director will send announcements to parents and youth throughout the year. This free service allows texts and emails to be sent to youth and parents when they sign up. Many opportunities for service, youth events and gatherings are distributed via this service.

To sign up for Flocknote messages: Text saints520 to 84576.

After doing this, you will get a link to complete the process. Click on the link and follow the directions. While signing up, choose any parish groups that you are interested in joining or learning more about. At any time you may join or leave new groups.



Appendix B: Service Opportunities

Companions: This is a group of middle school youth who meet for dinner, prayer and to learn about a virtue and bible story to better live out their call to holiness. Every meeting counts for ONE service experience. Companions meets on Wednesdays (about twice a month) from 6:00pm-7:30pm in the dining room. Meeting dates are found online. No registration required. FREE. This program is run by Mr. Ed Snyder, Youth Director: esnyder@scswf.org.

Bingo Buddies: Visit the residents of a nursing home and play bingo. Youth must register on signupgenius.com and bring a permission slip with them to the event. We are still waiting for clearance to go back to senior living homes and will advertise new dates via Flocknote when we have them. Select Saturdays, Monthly, FREE

March for Life: Travel to Washington D.C. for Mass in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with our Diocese, and to march with people from all over the country for the right to life! When: January 21, 2022/Cost: \$50

Catholic Parish Outreach: Help to provide those in need with access to food. Contact George Blasiole at 919-435-7230 for more information.

Miracle League: Be a buddy to youth with disabilities. Help them run the bases, play catch and cheer them on! Our youth group usually goes once in the Fall and once in the Spring, but you may also participate as an individual. Go to miracleleagueofthetriangle.com for details and to volunteer as individuals.

Operation Harvest: Deliver food to dozens of individuals in Wake Forest. Contact Anthony Nacional at 919-637-7752 to participate. When: Every Saturday, 9:15 am Where: Trinity Center

Brown Bag Ministry: Make and deliver food to a local community. There is a sign up for this online on our Youth Group page under "Service". When: Select Saturday Mornings. Where: Trinity Center

Appendix C: Prayers to Memorize

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen.

Glory Be:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Morning Offering

O Jesus,
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer You my prayers, works,
joys and sufferings
of this day for all the intentions
of Your Sacred Heart,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
throughout the world,
in reparation for my sins,
for the intentions of all my relatives and friends,
and in particular
for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.