

Confirmation Class Requirements--2026

Attendance:

Attendance at all classes is expected and required. Please let your employer know that you need to have Wednesday nights off from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If something happens beyond your control, and you are unable to attend class, please text LaDonna Obermiller on her cell phone at 308-390-4630, in advance of your absence.

Service:

Many Catholics view Confirmation as the end of active involvement in the church, or as a kind of graduation out of formal Religious Education. But the exact opposite is true. Confirmation is just the beginning. Confirmation calls us all to use our talents and gifts in the service of others. As a part of the Confirmation Process, **a total of 25 service hours are required.** These service hours can come from a wide variety of projects, in which you share your unique gifts with others.

PLEASE NOTE: This service hour requirement will be waived if you attend Higher Ground or the Steubenville Youth Conference.

Higher Ground is a week-long summer retreat program for teens throughout our diocese. This week offers you the chance to meet and interact with other Catholic teens, to build community, to celebrate Reconciliation and Eucharist with other adult Christians and youth, to enjoy the outdoors, to get to know yourself, to grow in faith, to discover your talents and gifts, to participate in a variety of outdoor games, and to make life-long friends. We began Higher Ground (formerly known as Outward Bound) in 1964 and hold **retreats every summer.**

Steubenville of the Rockies Youth Conference is an incredible 3-day weekend held in Denver that hosts over 1,200 youth each summer. There is an exciting lineup of speakers, musicians and presenters that challenge Catholic youth to not just learn about the Holy Spirit, but to get to know Him as the living presence of God in their lives. The Sacraments are the highlight of the weekend.

Sponsors:

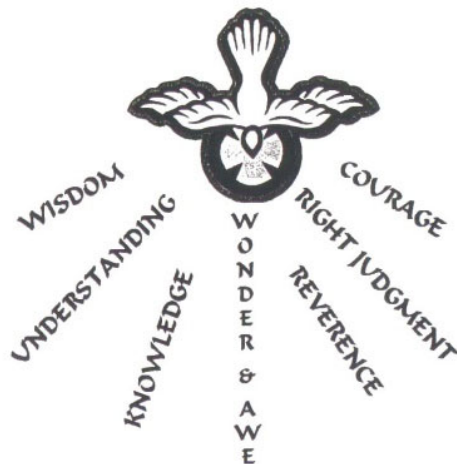
Your Confirmation Sponsor must be a confirmed practicing Catholic, 19 years of age or older, and if they are married, they need to have been married in the Catholic Church. You should select someone that you have a good rapport with. Your sponsor is the adult who will walk with you on your faith journey and help you celebrate Confirmation.

Baptismal Certificate:

We must have a copy of your Baptismal Certificate on file before we can confirm you. Please let LaDonna Obermiller know which Parish you were baptized in so that she can write and request a copy of your Baptismal Certificate as soon as possible.

Confirmation Retreat:

The Confirmation Retreat is MANDATORY and will be held for a half day (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) in the fall. Details will be announced later.



Teens Encounter Christ is an experience in Catholic Christian Living designed especially for young people from second semester sophomores in high school to age 23. TEC is a 3-day weekend retreat that will provide a deep experience of getting to know yourself better, getting to know God a little better, and it will give you the opportunity to form wonderful new friendships. **TEC Retreats are scheduled throughout the year at various locations throughout the diocese. Blessed Sacrament will pay \$125.00 of your registration fee to attend.**

And finally, Young Neighbors in Action is a national program sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development. **Blessed Sacrament will be taking eight teens from our parish (grades 9-12) to the Omaha Winnebago Indian Reservation this summer from July 24-30, 2016. The only cost to you is a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit.** Young Neighbors in Action is a week-long, service-learning experience designed to help teams of high school youth and adults learn about social justice, serve those in need, and make a difference in the world.