



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH CONFIRMATION 2017-2018



## STUDENT AND PARENT CHECKLIST

- ORIENTATION MEETING**  
TUESDAY, September 26, 2017, 7:00 PM  
Please complete the online google form with all necessary Candidate information and fill out medical release and waiver.
- \$75.00 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE**  
Please make checks payable to Saint Joseph Parish. This administrative fee helps to cover the cost of the preparation process. For **CCD participants**, this is covered by your registration fee.
- CHOOSE A SPONSOR AND MEET WITH HIM OR HER**  
Beyond Canon Law requirements that a sponsor be a Confirmed, practicing Catholic, 16 years of age or older (§874), he or she should also be someone the candidate trusts and admires and to whom the candidate would feel comfortable talking about his or her faith. While he/she cannot be the candidate's parent, he/she may be a godparent from Baptism. The sponsor is meant to accompany the candidate throughout the entire process.
- CHOOSE A CONFIRMATION NAME**  
For the Sacrament of Confirmation, candidates are invited to choose the name of a saint or figure from Sacred Scripture whose example they find inspiring and whom they wish to emulate and have intercede for them. A candidate may also choose to reaffirm his or her baptismal name. The bishop will then anoint candidates using the names which they have chosen.
- THEOLOGY OF THE BODY PARENT INFORMATION SESSION (for non-school parents)**  
THURSDAY, October 5, 2017 7:00pm
- THEOLOGY OF THE BODY WORKSHOP (w/ St. Pius X – non-school candidates)**  
Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 5:45pm – 9:00pm  
Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 9:45am – 6:00pm (closing with Mass)
- STUMP THE PRIEST NIGHT**  
SUNDAY, September 9, 2018, 6:00 PM
- THEOLOGY OF THE BODY PARENT INFORMATION SESSION (for school parents)**  
THURSDAY, February 1, 2018, 7:00 PM
- Confirmation Retreat @ Sacred Heart Parish Center**  
SATURDAY, March 17, 2018, 10am – 5:30pm (will include Sunday Vigil Mass)
- SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED PAPERWORK**  
APRIL – MAY 2018
  - **COPY OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE**  
This can be obtained by calling the parish where the candidate for Confirmation was baptized and requesting that a copy of the baptismal certificate be sent directly to St. Joseph Parish via US mail (226 N. Hill St., South Bend, IN 46617) or fax: (574) 234-2822.
  - **LETTER OF PERMISSION FROM PASTOR (NON-PARISHIONERS ONLY)**  
Non-parishioners submit a letter addressed to Fr. Kevin Russeau, CSC from the pastor of the parish where they are registered (on parish letterhead), giving permission for their child to be confirmed with his or her class at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend, Indiana.

▪ **SPONSOR CERTIFICATE**

A form will be provided that the sponsor can complete with the help of his/her parish.

- INTERVIEW WITH FR. KEVIN/FR. DAN**  
To be scheduled during the summer
- CANDIDATE AND SPONSOR DAY**  
Saturday, September 29, 2018 , 9:30am – 12pm – Sponsor (or Parent) must accompany candidate
- CONFIRMATION LITURGY**  
Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7pm

**SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION**

- ATTEND SUNDAY MASS EACH WEEK**
- GO TO CONFESSION AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH**
- PARTICIPATE IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**
- BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT YOUR PRAYER LIFE**

Set aside time each day to pray, free from distractions.

Try new and different kinds of prayer:

- **Lectio Divina – praying with the Scriptures**
  - Reflect especially on: Isaiah 11:2-3, Galatians 5:22-23, and Acts 2:1-11
  - Reflect on the daily Mass readings (*Magnificat / Give Us This Day*)
- **Liturgy of the Hours**
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Holy Hour Saturday mornings 8:30-9:30)**
- **Marian Prayers: Rosary, Angelus, Memorare**
- **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
- **Stations of the Cross**
- **Pray with an icon or image**
- **Pray to the Holy Spirit**

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.  
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations,  
through Christ Our Lord, Amen.*

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**CONFIRMATION WEBSITE**

Dates, reminders, forms are all online: [stjoeparish.com](http://stjoeparish.com) > Sacraments > Confirmation

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