

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PREPARATION OF CHILDREN FOR CONFIRMATION - 2025 ELEMENTS AND SCHEDULE

1. Participation in the Information Meeting:

Thursday, January 25th (7:00 PM) or Sunday, February 2nd (after the 11:00 AM Mass) 2024, in the church.

At the Parent Information Meeting:

- Complete a Parish Registration Form if you aren't a parishioner yet
- Bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. If your child was baptized at St. Isidore, St Michael Fitzroy or St. Gabriel Parish, there is no need to do so. Please mention the name of the parish and we'll look it up.
- Pick up (and complete) the Confirmation Registration form and Covenant with your child.
- Include the \$50 fee for the material costs, payable by:
 - 1. cheque (to "Saint Isidore Parish") or
 - 2. cash.

2. <u>Complete and return all forms by the required dates.</u>

Please complete the <u>registration form & covenant</u>, submit the <u>fee</u> and a <u>photocopy of the</u> <u>candidate's baptismal certificate</u> to the parish by **Friday**, **February 14**th, **2025**. Upon reception of the documents, the Confirmation Preparation workbook will be handed out to you.

- 3. <u>Rite of Welcome for the children</u> at one of the weekend Masses of Saturday, February 22nd (4:30 PM) and Sunday, February 23rd (9:00 or 11:00 AM).
- 4. <u>Select a sponsor.</u> Please return the completed and signed statement by the sponsor about meeting the requirements to act as a sponsor by March 7th, 2025.
- 5. <u>Receive the sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession</u> on our Lenten Day of Confessions. The children who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation are asked to celebrate Confession before Confirmation they may approach the bishop with genuine sincerity to live the Christian life. Candidates (and their parents) are encouraged to attend the Parish Lenten Day of Confessions which will be announced. There will be several priests available for individual confession on that day. Candidates may also celebrate Confession on Saturdays between 3:00 and 3:45 pm when they come in to complete their service project on that day.
- 6. <u>Attend all Zoom training sessions</u> being held for Confirmation preparation on the following Thursdays: February 27th, March 27th, April 10th and April 24th 2025 at 7:00 PM.
- 7. **<u>Complete the workbook</u>** as instructed during the online training sessions.
- 8. <u>Select a saint name and write a one-page report on the saint by April 11th, 2025</u> (directions will be provided during the training).

9. <u>Participate in the service project</u> twice during the Saturday evening Masses (4:30 PM), or Masses celebrated on PD Days and during March break. Registration may be completed through this link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_aP4IXcHYa7Yi9xQgwDFppta6h7rp1AgHx2pdjlHsIc/edit ?tab=t.0

Candidates are also encouraged to volunteer in the community for a minimum of two hours in one of the Corporal Works of Mercy such as feed the hungry or visit the sick.

- 10. <u>Participate regularly in the life of the Church</u> especially by attending weekly Sunday Mass (celebration of the Eucharist is our highest form of worship as a Church community). Our Sunday Mass times are the following: 4:30 PM on Saturdays, 9 and 11 AM on Sundays.
- 11. <u>Attend the mandatory ½ day retreat on Saturday, May 3rd, from 9:30 AM to 12:30PM.</u> Please let your coaches and other extracurricular involvements know that you will be unavailable on this date, ahead of time.

12. <u>Confirmation Mass at a date to be given by the Office of the Archbishop (June 2025).</u>

Candidates who have completed the requirements and have been engaged in the preparation process will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June 2025 at a date to be given by the Office of the Archbishop.