

CONFIRMATION HANDBOOK

Ave Maria Catholic Parish

*"Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire."
— St. Catherine of Siena*

Are you Registered??

Registration Deadline is October 24, 2021

If you have not already registered...

1. Complete the Sacrament Registration and Application Form – It is only online; no hard copies available; reach out if you need assistance
2. You must also be registered in Faith Formation classes or attend a Catholic school.
3. Submit signed copy of Handbook to
Amanda Stockman
astockman@avemaria.church

***Visit www.avemaria.church under Faith Formation, click the tab "Children's Faith Formation" to access the Sacrament Registration and Application Form



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IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Due

October 24th

Sponsor Meeting

November 21, 2021

Confirmation Retreat Dates:

December 10-12

OR

March 25-27

Parent Prep 1 10am-1pm

Wednesday November 10, 2021

OR

Saturday November 13, 2021

Parent Prep 2 10am-1pm

Wednesday March 30, 2022

OR

Saturday April 2, 2022

REQUIREMENTS

Enrolled in Faith Formation Classes

Parent Sessions

Mass Responses

Saint Report

Confirmation Retreat

MASS RESPONSE

Have you ever thought or even heard... “Man, Mass is boring?” Truly, it can seem that way. The beauty of the Mass is unmatched, BUT this beauty can be difficult to recognize if we aren’t engaged in the Mass. We are not called to simply watch a mass, but to participate in Mass- it is a form of active prayer. Writing and journaling about/during the Mass is a great way to be engaged. God is speaking to you throughout the mass. Writing His word to you, and your prayers to Him will encourage a more intimate relationship.

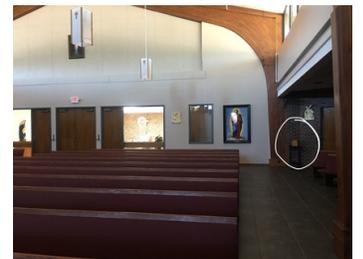
Mass Attendance:

We are requiring confirmandi to journal and write a response about how your relationship with Christ will grow from what you did and heard during the Sunday Mass. A response can be taken from the readings, music, architecture, or anything that moves you toward the Lord. Encourage your family to participate as well, however their responses are not required.

If you are out of town please email a copy of your teen’s written Mass responses written on the back of a bulletin to astockman@avemaria.church

- Please provide a brief explanation of where you attended church, and when you anticipate being back in town

- Mass times for regular Sunday observance are:
 - Saturday: 4 and 6pm AND Sunday: 7, 9, and 11:30am, or 5pm
- Mass Response Box
 - You will find a table with a box on it. See picture below:
 - This box and table are located in the back of the church toward the left when you walk into Mass inside (next to the 6th Station of the Cross). See picture below; box is circled:



ATTENDING MASS ON HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Follow same guidelines for Sunday Mass Responses

Holy Days of Obligation for 2020/21:

All Sundays

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (August 15th)

Solemnity of All Saints (November 1)

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
(December 8)

Christmas (December 25)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1)

The Ascension of the Lord (May 26)

MASS RESPONSE CARDS

START DATE: 10/24

- Next to the box will be the Mass Response cards to complete.
- Place the completed Mass Response inside the box during/after the Mass you attend.
- If there are no forms available, you can use any paper
- Brownstein Hall has a Mass response box that is located next to the offertory box
- If you have forgotten to turn in your Mass Response; please email Amanda at Astockman@avemaria.church

REQUIREMENTS

FAITH FORMATION

ALL confirmandi must be registered in Faith Formation classes or be a student at Ave Maria Catholic School.

- More than 3 absences in Faith Formation will need to be made up in a timely manner
- All seeking confirmation in the spring 2022 must be catechized to grade level.
- If your teen has not been participating in Faith Formation between 3rd-7th grade, please make an appointment with Amanda to discuss how we can help him/her prepare. Please email Amanda at astockman@avemaria.church to set up an appointment.

PARENT SESSION

Preferably both parents (but at least one parent) are required to attend both parent meetings. One is in the fall semester and one is in the spring semester.

GOALS OF PARENT SESSION

- Review their role as models in the faith development of their son/daughter;
- Deepen their own faith lives
- Strengthen their family relationships so all may grow in relationship with God.

DATES

November 10, 2021 10:00am-1:00pm

OR

November 13, 2021 10:00am-1:00pm

AND

March 30, 2022 10:00am-1:00pm

OR

April 2, 2022 10:00am-1:00pm

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

- Parents are reminded in their child's Baptism that, "In asking for Baptism for your child(ren), you are undertaking the responsibility of raising him(her) in the faith, so that, keeping God's commandments, he(she) may love the Lord and his (her) neighbor as Christ has taught us." (Order of Baptism of Children)
- The Faith that parents promise to raise their child in includes:
 - Rejection of Satan, his works, and all his empty promises
 - Renouncing sin so that we may be free to live as children of God
 - Renounce the lure of evil so that sin may have no mastery over you
 - Affirming that you "believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth"
 - Affirming that you "believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father"
 - Affirming that you "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."
- Parents are promising by their example, teach their children the Precepts of the Catholic Church:
 - To assist at Mass on all Sundays and holy days of obligation.
 - To confess your sins at least once a year.
 - To receive Holy Communion during the Easter season.
 - To keep holy the holy days of obligation.
 - To fast and abstain on the days appointed.
 - To contribute to the support of the Church.
- The choice you are asking your child to make is not whether or not to prepare but to:
 - Have union with God
 - Believe in the Creed
 - Want to be Confirmed in the faith
 - Practice their Catholic faith
 - Submit (follow) to the magisterium

RETREAT

All confirmandi are required to attend one retreat. Confirmation retreats begin Friday at 7pm and end on Sunday at 11:30 am. Attendance is required for the entire duration of the retreat. Transportation is on your own. They are held at Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center in Larkspur.

DATES

December 10-12 2021

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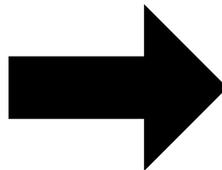
March 25-27, 2022

To sign up for a retreat:

1. Go to avemaria.church
2. Click the "Sacraments" tab, the Confirmation.
3. Click "retreat Sign-Up"

During preparation, the candidates will be choosing a saint name which will be used at the Confirmation Mass. Confirmandi's are asked to research and choose a Saint they want to emulate. More information, and details will be provided at a later time.

SAINT REPORT



SPONSORS

Candidates must choose a suitable sponsor who will accompany them and meet the following requirements:

- Have been chosen by the candidate personally and have a significant relationship with the candidate
- Have attained the age of sixteen (16) unless special circumstances are approved by the clergy
- Be a fully initiated, confirmed, practicing Catholic that participates in Sunday liturgy weekly, leads a life of strong moral character and faith and is not bound by any canonical penalty
- Is not the mother or father of the candidate

***Canon law states that it is preferable that the Confirmation sponsor be the baptismal sponsor so the link between Baptism and Confirmation is clearly defined

Expectations of Sponsors:

- Sponsor Form – to be completed by the sponsor and signed by the sponsor's parish.
- **If the sponsor is a parishioner at Ave Maria, please have a sponsor read and sign their portion and return to the youth office for parish signature.
- Pray for your confirmandi
 - Meet with your confirmandi at a minimum once a month
 - Utilize the Sponsor Packet as a guide for your meetings with confirmandi
 - Attend Confirmation Rehearsal and the Confirmation Mass
 - Adhere to the dress code policy set forth by the Bishop's office

SPONSOR TRAINING : NOVEMBER 21, 2021

If the sponsor is out of town or cannot make it, a parent may take the place and provide materials to the sponsor.

Sponsors will be invited to attend one Confirmation class with their confirmandi. These classes will take place in the spring during regular RE time.

****Sunday February 13, 2022 OR Wednesday February 23, 2022**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

By signing this Acknowledgement of Receipt, you are demonstrating your understanding and commitment to fulfilling the requirements as they are outlined in the Confirmation Handbook.

NAME OF CONFIRMANDI (PRINT)

PARENT NAME (PRINT)

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

CONFIRMANDI SIGNATURE

DATE