

To Confirmation Candidates & Their Parents:

It is important that the families, students, catechists, and community work together for Confirmation preparation. Questions and assignments can be emailed to me at reled@sthenry.org or call 615-353-0668.

Copy of Baptismal Certificate : If your child was baptized at St Henry, please email me and let me know (a date or year is helpful). If your child was baptized at another Parish, please turn in a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate as soon as possible to the Religious Education office. **(no later than October 1st)**.

Selection of Sponsor : The laws of the Church, requires that a sponsor be at least 16 years of age, Confirmed Catholic (not the Candidate's own parent) having received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and be participating in the Sacraments. (The Code of Canon Law). The sponsor should be a model of living the Catholic faith for you. The sponsor could be one of your godparents. If your child chooses a sponsor that is unable to travel to Nashville for our Confirmation then please speak to me about a stand in.

Selection of Patron Saint : A report will be required of the Confirmand on his/her chosen Patron Saint. The report will require research outside of the class. The saint must be researchable, and the final copy turned in **Sunday**, December 3. Your child may email it to me at reled@sthenry.org. The saint's name will become the Confirmands "Saint" name and will be referred to by the Bishop during Confirmation. Names of saints are chosen to serve as patrons, models, and especially as intercessors for those being confirmed. Candidates should choose a patron saint's name not because of the attractiveness of the name, but because of the Christian life that was led by that saint. (see example report here on the website)

A letter to Father Mark Beckman: Start off with an introductory paragraph letting Fr. Beckman learn a few things about you like your school, your family, and maybe who your sponsor is and why you chose them. Include why you want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and what it means to you. Also include your saint's name and why you chose that saint. This letter is **due Sunday, February 4**. (see example letter on website)

Parent/Sponsor Interview: Students will be interviewing their Sponsor/ and Parent on their Confirmation experience and related Confirmation questions. The Sponsor/Parent interviews are due on **Sunday, January 21** . The blank interviews are on the church website under Faith Formation then Sunday classes. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Turn in answers to questions.

Service Projects: The service projects need to be for the Confirmation year and completed by **April 1, 2024** (Confirmation is a sacrament that strengthens our ability to serve). Service should reflect the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy. The minimum required service hours are **20 hours**. We want to serve as a community through living the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy. The purpose of Confirmation service hours are that we do something good for the Church and/or the community.

Retreat: A mandatory retreat will be held for all students preparing to receive Confirmation. The retreat date will be Sunday, January 21 from 11-4. We will attend 11am mass together.

Confirmation- The date for Confirmation is still TBD by the Bishop's office. Currently, it is to be held at St Henry Church this year but that could change.