

CONFIRMATION 2022

CONFIRMATION RESPONSIBILITIES PACKAGE DUE:

Friday, March 25, 2022 at Blessed Sacrament Church (not the school)

CONFIRMATION DATES

SCHOOL	DATE AND TIME
Msgr. Haller	Saturday May 7, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.
Blessed Sacrament	Saturday May 14, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.
John Sweeney	Friday, May 27, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
Catechism Class through the Diocese of Hamilton & Home School Students	Saturday May 7, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.
OLO Grace	Saturday June 4, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.

**Please note that the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place
at Blessed Sacrament Church.**

CONFIRMATION RESPONSIBILITIES



Student's

Name: _____

Student's Phone Number: _____

Student's School: _____

CHECK LIST: Packages due Friday March 25, 2022	
Saint's Project	
Mass Log	





The Sacrament of Confirmation

“The apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had received the word of God, so they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for the believers that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come down on any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 8:14-17

Confirmation is the third and final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic faith. Often described as the “flipside” of Baptism, Confirmation completes initiation by equipping us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Our Baptism cleansed us of Original sin. In turn, in Confirmation we don our new identity in Christ.

As the scripture quote above describes, receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit is a separate act from Baptism. Notice the order:

The People of Samaria became believers (Baptism);

They received the word of God (catechesis, period of preparation);

Then, the apostles imparted the Holy Spirit on them, equipping them to bring the Good News to others (Confirmation).

The Bishop, as successor to the apostles, will lay hands on the candidates and impart them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

During the Rite of Confirmation, the candidates are invited to renew their Baptismal promises. Then, the Bishop extends his hands over the candidates, praying that the candidates will receive the Holy Spirit. Lastly, each candidate comes forward and personally asks to be confirmed with the name of a saint or holy person. The Bishop forms a cross on the candidate’s head with Chrism (holy) oil and seals them with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The laying on of hands and the anointing with chrism are rich symbols that represent a person’s being chosen and empowered by God for a mission. At Confirmation, God empowers you with the same Spirit as the apostles to accomplish your unique role in building God’s kingdom on earth.

Outline of Preparation for Confirmation

- **Enrolment Ceremony (Parish):** During the period of preparation, each candidate is expected to come forward during Mass and state their desire to be confirmed before the faith community. Each candidate brings their copy of the “Blessed Sacrament Parish Confirmation Enrollment sheet (pink page enclosed) on the weekend of *March 5/6, 2022*

- **Saint Project:** Each candidate will research a saint or holy person who inspires him or her. The candidate will complete a project on the life of their saint and why they chose this saint as their patron. This is the name a candidate chooses to help them make good Christian choices; please take pride in this activity.

- **Mass Log:** The Church gathers throughout the world in individual parishes to worship God and celebrate our faith each week. More frequent mass attendance is a good way for candidates and their families to grow in and witness to their faith as they prepare for Confirmation. The Mass log is an activity for candidates to complete at a Sunday mass of their choice. Listen carefully to the mass readings, reflect on what is said and write down a brief reflection on the work sheet provided.

SAINT PROJECT GUIDELINE

Historically, the Saints have shown us how their great love and obedience to God, have brought them to become great mentors and role models for Christians.

Those who became Saints have demonstrated what a commitment to change one's heart and life means. They have shown us about honesty, dedication, sacrifice and great joy.

They become very special when a candidate researches and chooses a Saint whom he or she can relate to, who teaches him/her in a special way. This Saint is who the candidate chooses to follow and model his/her life after.

To accomplish this choice successfully, the student should:

1. Research various Saints.
2. Choose **one** Saint and tell about the chosen Saint's life
3. The second part should explain why he/she choose this Saint and how he/she hopes to use the Saints example in his/her life.
4. The project is to be presented in a way that demonstrates:
 - Thorough research
 - Written with proper grammar in the student's own words

Please include on your Project:

Candidates Name: _____

School: _____

**Due NO LATER than
Friday March 25, 2022
to Blessed Sacrament Parish**

7 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPRIT

1. Wisdom

Wisdom is not the quoting of facts. Wisdom is a gift that allows a person to understand things from God's point of view. In other words, Wisdom allows a person to recognize truth. A person with the Gift of Wisdom is able to take this truth and use it to glorify God by choosing Godly solutions to problems.

2. Understanding

Understanding is the second gift of the Holy Spirit, and people sometimes have a hard time understanding (no pun intended) how it differs from wisdom. While wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, understanding allows us grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic Faith. Through understanding, we gain a certitude about our beliefs that moves beyond faith

3. Counsel

The Gift of Counsel is also known as a Gift of Right Judgment. Counsel, the third gift of the Holy Spirit, is the perfection of the cardinal virtue of prudence. Prudence can be practiced by anyone, but counsel is supernatural. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to judge how best to act almost by intuition. Because of the gift of counsel, Christians need not fear to stand up for the truths of the Faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us in defending those truths.

4. Fortitude

The Gift of Fortitude is also known as the Gift of Courage. Through this Gift a person is no longer afraid to stand up for God and His truths. A person who has the Gift of Fortitude will stand up for good against evil and is convicted to take a stand when the occasion arises.

5. Knowledge

The Gift of Knowledge allows a person to understand the meaning and purpose God has for him and to live up to this meaning. It differs from wisdom in that it is an action, not just a desire to live up to the ways of God. It differs from Understanding in that it is not just ability, it is a knowing.

6. Piety

Piety, the sixth gift of the Holy Spirit, is the perfection of the virtue of religion. While we tend to think of religion today as the external elements of our faith, it really means the willingness to worship and to serve God. Piety takes that willingness beyond a sense of duty, so that we desire to worship God and to serve Him out of love, the way that we desire to honor our parents and do what they wish.

7. Fear of the Lord

The Gift of Fear of the Lord puts God in the proper perspective. A person with this Gift understands the greatness and awesomeness of the Lord. They want to serve Him because of who He is. A person with the Gift of Fear of the Lord understands who they are and why they are here in relationship to God; In other words, everything they are is due to the wonder, love, grace, and perfection of God. They are totally dependent on the Lord as a child is to a parent. The Gift of Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. Once a person understands who God is and desires to please Him, they can begin to understand things from God's point of view or have Wisdom.

BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS

LOVE ♥ joy
peace PATIENCE
KINDNESS
goodness FAITH
gentleness FULL
& self-control NESS
GALATIANS 5:22-23