



Saint Andrew

Anchored in Faith  Catholic Church and School

Fall 2020 Confirmation Preview

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If you are in 10th grade this year, you are scheduled to complete Confirmation preparation and be confirmed early next fall, in 11th grade. We would like you to start thinking about the sacrament now and to complete most of your preparation and requirements by the end of April. Take a look at the list below of things you can do now!

- † **Save the date.** The Diocese of St. Cloud has scheduled Confirmation for Sunday, October 11, 2020, at 4:00 PM here at Saint Andrew Catholic Church, with Fr. Rolfes, the vicar general for the diocese, presiding. We will be joined again by the Confirmation candidates from St. Louis Bertrand (Foreston) and St. Mary (Milaca) parishes.
- † **Request a baptismal certificate.** If you were not baptized at Saint Andrew, please have your parents request a copy of your baptismal certificate from the church where you were baptized. We need this even if you did so before your First Communion. The easiest way is to contact the church and ask that they send it to Nicole Bourgeois, Saint Andrew Catholic Church, 566 4th Street NW, Elk River, MN 55330.
- † **Identify and invite a sponsor.** Your sponsor must be a confirmed and practicing Catholic at least 21 years of age (preferably 24 or older), and he or she cannot be one of your parents. Your sponsor should be a faithful disciple of Christ who receives the Eucharist regularly and must be able to attend the Confirmation Mass on October 11, 2020, here at Saint Andrew. You should choose your sponsor carefully, selecting someone you can count on to work and pray together with you, now and throughout your life, in order to help get you to heaven!
- † **Choose a Confirmation saint.** You may choose any recognized Catholic saint, including those who have not yet been canonized but have been declared *venerable* or *blessed*, to be their Confirmation saint. You can choose a male or a female saint, but please note that you will be called by your saint's name when you are confirmed. Students are encouraged to choose a saint whose life inspires them, or with whom they share a name or a significant date (for example, a saint whose feast day is the same as their birthday or baptismal day). You might also choose the patron saint of a particular cause or activity that matters to you.

[Note: You will be asked to write a one-page paper on what you know about your saint and why you chose him or her.]

A Confirmation Candidate, Sponsor and Saint Form is available to you on the Faith Formation webpage, www.saint-andrew.net/faith-formation. Next fall, you will have a very limited number of classes before Confirmation, and you will be required to attend a Confirmation retreat and a short (5 minute) interview with Fr. Mark. We will communicate those dates to you and your families as soon as we are able.