

August 21, 2025

Dear Confirmation Students, Parents and Sponsors,

We are excited for the upcoming Confirmation of our 2024-2025 class of Students! Following is information that you will need to know prior to the Confirmation Mass.

Sunday, Sept. 14

We will have class for the Student and Sponsor (or Parent if the Sponsor cannot attend). The class begins at 6:30 p.m. (after the 5:30 p.m. Mass) in our parish dining room. A light meal will be served prior to our class discussion. Please plan to take part in the meal to show our appreciation to the volunteers (the Wald and Johnson families) who are providing it.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

The Students will participate in a group interview with Fr. Maus and Fr. Artz. The groups will consist of two to four Students. The interviews last approximately 15 minutes and no studying of any material is required. If you have not already done so, please text or email me to set up your interview time. Parents and Sponsors do not need to be present for the interviews.

Wednesday, Sept. 24 OR Saturday, Sept. 27

There are two options for the **required Confirmation Mass rehearsal**, either 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 24, OR at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27. The **Sponsor or a Parent must attend rehearsal with the Student. Confessions** will be held after rehearsal. Students are expected to go to confession before receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, so their hearts may be fully ready to receive the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit – Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord – upon Confirmation. (Be sure to know these seven Gifts. Bishop David Kagan may ask you about them prior to or during the Mass.) Confessions are open to Sponsors and Parents, as well.

Sunday, Sept. 28

1) **Formal photographs** will be taken beginning at **9:30 a.m.** in the main church (as soon as the 8:30 a.m. Mass attendees leave the church). Even if students are not purchasing individual photographs, they must be present for the group photograph. Gemar Photography is the photographer and ordering information will be provided to you. If you want particular photographs other than the individual Confirmation student and sponsor, you may request that of Gemar Photography during the photography time. After the photographs, Students and Sponsors will go to the dining room to line up for the procession into the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

2) **The Mass** begins at 10:30 a.m.

3) **A reception** with cake and beverages will follow the Mass in the dining room. All are invited.

There were a few Sponsors for whom we had not yet received Letters of Good Standing. Letters have been mailed to the Sponsors' parishes, as needed.

Sponsors and Students: If you have not yet had the opportunity to go through the Meetings with Sponsors packet, please try to do so before our Sept. 14 class, and return it to me at the class. Or you may scan and email it to me at the email address in the next paragraph, or mail it to me or Fr. Maus at the church address on the form. Students, you will find the Meetings with Sponsors packet in your Confirmation binder behind the Sponsor tab. It is also available on our website at <https://www.olgminot.org/confirmation>. Either the Student or the Sponsor may return the form. We do not need two copies of it.

If you have any questions, please contact me at education1@olgminot.org, or by calling the parish office at 701-839-6834, or by calling or texting my cell phone at 701-219-3194.

Additional reminders related to the items included in this letter will be sent out to Parents through our Flocknote texting system.

Sincerely,

Tanya Watterud
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