



Dear Parent/Guardian

The Sacrament of Confirmation is an amazing opportunity in our faith journey! Through this Sacrament we are wholly initiated into the Catholic Church and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which better enable us to live out our faith to the fullest. With this milestone in our journey comes great responsibility and this sacrament should not be taken lightly. Our Confirmation program, Purpose, is open to high school students age 13 -18. There is a \$60 sacramental fee for the Confirmation classes.

Listed below are the expectations of the Confirmandi (those preparing for Confirmation) by the Archdiocese. ALL Salem/Keizer Parishes have a two year confirmation requirement. To register, please read through the expectations carefully, sign, and return to the youth ministry office. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

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## Confirmation Requirements

### Year 1

Those planning to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are expected to be actively involved in the St. Edward's parish community (in addition to regular Mass attendance) the year prior to receiving the sacrament. This expectation is set by the Archdiocese. Active involvement includes, but is not limited to regular attendance (weekly commitment) of one of the following:

- Sunday Night High School Youth Group
- Monday Night Mid-High Youth Group
- Liturgical Ministry (choir, hospitality, audio visual tech, etc.)

### Year 2

The year students will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, after having completed one year of active involvement in the parish community, the following expectations need to be met (dates correspond to those on track to receive the sacrament Spring 2021 and are subject to change):

- Regular Mass attendance – Confirmation initiates us into full membership with the universal and local church, insisting on a personal commitment to attend Mass each Sunday and holy days of obligation; a willingness to contribute to the Eucharistic celebration by praying, listening, and singing.

- **Monthly meetings** – on a designated Sunday following the 10:30am Mass -OR- a Wednesday following the 6:00pm Mass. A parent or sponsor will be expected to attend with their Confirmandi.

**Confirmation Youth will miss no more than 1 class, or it will be understood that they will continue classes in the next school year.**

- Complete assignments – at each monthly meeting Confirmandi may receive a short reading and/or discussion questions to go over.
- Choose a Confirmation Sponsor – a sponsor is someone who will support you in living the Christian life and will pray with and for you for the duration of your life. **Due Oct, 2020**
- Turn in copy of Baptismal certificate to Christina Kosiewicz at the office by **Dec, 2020**.
- Choose a Confirmation name & write a brief 'why I'm choosing this Saint' reflection - One of the traditional practices in the Church at the time of Confirmation is taking on a saint's name. **Due January, 2021**
- Attend 2 retreats – **see youth ministry calendar for options**
- Read the Gospel of Mark – presents a good basic understanding of whom Jesus is and his invitation to faith. **Due Feb, 2021**
- Formal letter to Archbishop Sample - indicating desire to be confirmed – goal is to help Archbishop Sample know a little about you as he prepares to celebrate this awesome sacrament. A letter template is available on the website. **Due March, 2021**
- Interview with Confirmation team – all Confirmandi will set up time, **during Lent**, to meet with a member of the Confirmation team and have a basic comprehension of the faith.
- Written reflection on liturgical service – service is part of our call as Catholic Christians. After actively participating in at least 2 Masses/liturgies (audio visual, choir, hospitality, etc.) for St. Edward Parish a written reflection is expected. **Due April, 2021**
- **Lastly, continued involvement in parish life through one of the above-mentioned activities under year 1 requirements is expected.**



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We have read, and understand the Confirmation Requirements. Furthermore, we agree to fulfill said requirements, prior to receiving the Sacrament.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmandi Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmandi Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_