

Confirmation Name Form

Choosing a Confirmation Saint Name

The Confirmandi (candidate for confirmation) should understand that a Saint's name is chosen so that the Saint becomes a model and intercessor in their life. We seek this intercession of the Saints because the Church has always believed and taught that all the redeemed are part of God's family. God's family includes the Saints in heaven; the holy souls in purgatory; and those of us on earth, who continue to persevere and grow in holiness, while living the Christian life with the help of God's grace. The Saints, however, are with God before the throne of grace. Their prayers (intercession) are very effective.

Confirmandi are strongly encouraged to choose the name of a Saint for their confirmation name. Doing this helps them to develop a relationship with a new Saint. Those of us on earth need the powerful intercession of all the Saints in heaven, who stand before Jesus' throne of grace. Confirmandi should research several Saints in whom they are interested. The parish library has many books on Saints available. Furthermore, there are numerous online resources such as <http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/patron02.htm> or <http://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/>. Please ask your catechist for help if you need it. The Saint who best connects with you is the one whom you should choose as your confirmation name.

Once you choose a Saint, please fill out the form below and return it to your catechist no later than April 14th, 2010.

The Saint I have chosen for my Confirmation name is: _____

I have chosen this Saint because: _____

Candidate Signature: _____

Candidate Name (Printed) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Confirmation Registration Form

Confirmation 2010

Please Print

Your Full Baptismal Name: _____

Please note that if we do not have a copy of your baptismal certificate we will need one prior to Confirmation

Present Age: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Father's Full Name: _____

Mother's Full Maiden Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsors Address: _____

Sponsor's Parish _____

Sponsor's Complete Parish Address _____

*****Office Use Only*****

Baptismal Certificate Yes _____ No _____

Certificate of Sponsorship for Confirmation Yes _____ No _____

Confirmation Name Form Yes _____ No _____

Thirty Documented Service Hours Yes _____ No _____

Letter to the Bishop Yes _____ No _____

Attended Retreat Yes _____ No _____

Date of Confirmation _____

Administered by _____

Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

Please keep the following in mind when choosing your Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

1. Your Sponsor must have received all of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, and must be practicing Catholics.
2. Your Sponsor must be at least 16 years of age, and may be either male or female.
3. In order to express more clearly the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation, and to make the duty and function of the Sponsor more effective, "It is desirable that the Godparent at Baptism, if possible, also be the Sponsor at Confirmation" (Canon 893.2).
4. According to the directive in Canons 893 and 874.5, neither the father nor the mother of a candidate can be a Sponsor. This is because the parents have already accepted the responsibility of raising you Catholic by having them baptized.
5. The chosen Sponsor should be a person who lives their faith and will provide spiritual leadership and support in addition to what parents already provide to their child. The Sponsor is someone who will challenge you to holiness and Christian discipleship.
6. Enter the Sponsor's Name and full mailing address on the "Confirmation Registration Form" and return it to your catechist or the Religious Education Office no later than April 14th, 2010.
7. Please give your Sponsor the attached letter addressed to them.
8. Please have the Sponsor fill out the "Certificate of Sponsorship for Confirmation" form at their parish and mail it or return it to the Saint Therese Parish Religious Education Office no later than April 14th, 2010.
9. The Sponsor should also fill out the "Sponsor Covenant" and return it with their "Certificate of Sponsorship for Confirmation" form. There are two copies included so that your Sponsor may keep one for him/herself.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Religious Education Office at 359-9006. Thank you.



St. Therese Parish

Dear Sponsor,

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us that the desire for God is written in our hearts. This is true not only for adults but for young people as well. All people are naturally and spiritually drawn toward God.

As young people prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, they are entering a unique stage of their spiritual journey. Preparation for the sacrament is about preparation for celebrating and living a life of faith. Adults-parents, other family members, Sponsors, catechists, members of the parish team, and the entire assembly--are privileged to journey with the young people during this time of preparation.

A Sponsor is a companion and guide who gives spiritual help and encouragement to a person who is preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The *Code of Canon Law* reminds us that "[t]he sponsor's function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in the sacrament" (Canon 892).

As a Sponsor, you have been chosen to play an essential role in the life of a young person who is in the process of preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. You may have been asked to be the Sponsor for this candidate because you are the candidate's godparent, or because of ties of friendship of family, or because you are viewed by this young person as a model of faith. Perhaps all these reasons were involved in the choice. Whatever the case, you are now embarking on a shared faith journey that can enrich both you and your candidate.

As you share in this blessed time of sacrament preparation, enjoy the time you and your candidate spend together. Keep the lines of communication open and keep your candidate in your prayers. Remember that the Holy Spirit--given to you at your own Confirmation--will be with you to help and guide you in the weeks and months ahead.

We ask that you please fill out the attached "Sponsor Covenant." Please keep a copy for yourself to remind you of the commitment that you have made. Please also take your "Certificate of Sponsorship for Confirmation" to your parish to have it filled out by your parish priest. We ask that you please mail both forms back to us by April 14th, 2010 at:

Saint Therese Parish
Attn: Mike Lambrecht
112 West Kort Street
Schofield, WI 54476

Thank you for your willingness to act as a Sponsor.

Sincerely,

Mike Lambrecht
Director of Religious Education

Certificate of Sponsorship for Confirmation

I recognize that Sponsors have a special ministry in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Along with the parents, Sponsors present the candidate for confirmation to the Church. It is also their responsibility to assist the confirmand to lead a life in harmony with their Baptism and Confirmation, and to fulfill the obligations flowing from them.

I recognize that in order to serve as a Sponsor for Confirmation, a person must:

1. Be fully initiated Catholic who has been baptized, confirmed and has received First Eucharist.
2. Be someone who is actively participating in the life of the Church.
3. Be at least sixteen years of age.
4. Lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry they are undertaking, and have the intention of undertaking the ministry of Sponsor.
5. Not be a parent of the candidate to be confirmed.

I hereby testify that I fulfill these requirements to serve in the ministry of Sponsor.

Signature

Print Name

Candidate being sponsored (Print Name)

I hereby testify that _____ **residing at**
Sponsor Name

_____ **is a registered member**

Address City State Zip

of this parish, and affirm that he/she fulfills all the requirements to serve in the ministry of

Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Signature of Parish Priest

Name of Parish

Address

Place Parish Seal Here

City, State, Zip

**Please return to: St. Therese Parish, Attn: DRE, 112 West Kort Street, Schofield, WI 54476
by April 14th, 2010.**