

All Saints Parish and St. Mary's Parish
Confirmation Requirements for 2017/2018
Grade 9 and a10 (All students must complete their grade
level 1-8 before entering)

1. Precepts of the Church:

These are fundamental for all Catholics and should be the first priority of the family:

- You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.
- You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
- You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
- You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
- You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church

2. Community Service: Confirmation students need 20 or more hours of community service during their 9th- and 10th-grade years. You should have at least three different service activities, with at least one in support of the Church (e.g., altar server, Church Festival volunteer or other).

One service activity should involve your sponsor or parents, as well.

3. Sponsors: Candidates must select a sponsor no later than the fall of their 10th-grade year. Their sponsor may be a godparent if they are close to them, but more importantly, it should be a person they can talk to about their faith. The sponsor must be at least 16 years old, confirmed in the Catholic faith, in good standing with the church, and willing to share their time and faith with the candidate—and they cannot be a parent. The sponsor must be present on the day the student receives the Sacrament of Confirmation. **We will need the sponsor's name and email or postal address by the fall of the 10th-grade year.**

4. Baptism Record: We need to know if the candidate was baptized at All Saints or St. Mary's. If not, we will need a signed and sealed/ official copy of their Baptism Certificate (not a birth certificate) issued by the church of baptism within six months before receiving the sacrament.

(Please note: Due to Diocesan policies, we need a baptismal certificate issued within 6 months before receiving any sacrament. We cannot use a certificate issued for First Communion or submitted in 9th-grade for 10th-grade Confirmation.)

5. Saint Report:

Candidates are required to choose a Confirmation name during their second year and write a short report about the Saint whose name they chose. The candidates may choose a new name as a sign of growth in faith, or they may keep their baptismal name to emphasize the fact that Confirmation is a sealing of the baptismal commitment.

How Long: 2 pages- Double Spaced- 12pt Font (TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT)

Cover sheet must be attached to the front of your report
(COVER SHEET DOES NOT COUNT AS ONE PAGE)

What should my report be about?:

- 1) Brief outline of the Saint's life
- 2) Why I chose this saint
- 3) What is interesting about this saint
- 4) How I can relate to the Saint's life or something about the saint
- 5) How can I imitate this saint and become a better Christian

Please note: this report should follow general rules of plagiarism.

The following links may be helpful in researching information:

<http://www.catholic-forum.com/SAINTS/indexsnt.htm>

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname.asp>

6. Examination and interview: Candidates will be complete a written examination and interview during 10th grade (pre and post test), or they can request a face-to-face (oral) examination and interview.

7. Sacrament of Confession: Candidates will be given an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Confession shortly before Confirmation. They are encouraged to receive this sacrament often for their own faith growth along with their required attendance at Sunday Mass. Candidates need to be in the state of grace for the receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

8.Absences: Students who are excessively absent, missed **more than 2 classes**, including a special events without a valid reason will be required to repeat the academic year unless extenuating circumstances exist.

Make-up Class Option; Talk with your teacher. Parent/s presence requested at that class.