

EXPECTATIONS ST. AUGUSTIN CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

As a Confirmation Candidate, you are expected to...

1. **Confess to belief in the Creed.** The sacrament of Confirmation strengthens and confirms in faith. Thus, you must be a person of faith, and you will profess belief in the Creed at the Rite of Confirmation.
2. **Follow the precepts of the Catholic Church:**
 - a. Attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation
 - b. Confess your sins at least once a year
 - c. Receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season
 - d. Observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church
 - e. Help to provide for the needs of the Church, each according to your own ability
3. **Complete at-home preparation with sponsor and family, and attend monthly small group meetings with peers and an adult table leader. You must attend all meetings.** Meetings will be held Sunday mornings after 8am Mass.
 - a. 10th grade meetings: 9/20/20, 10/11/20, 11/15/20, 12/13/20, 1/10/21, and retreat in February (date and time TBD). Rite of Confirmation will be held in February or March 2021 (date and time TBD).
 - b. 9th grade meetings: 9/27/20, 10/25/20, 11/22/20, 1/17/21, 2/14/21, and 3/7/21

Make-up sessions will be offered Wednesday evenings.

4. **Select a sponsor** who is a confirmed Catholic in good standing. The sponsor may not be your parent but could be another relative who is an inspiration and a guide to you. Your godparent would be an ideal choice. Sponsors attend the rehearsal and the Rite of Confirmation. Sponsors are also encouraged to attend preparation sessions with you when possible, and to communicate regularly with you about your preparation.
5. **Be interviewed** by confirmation team at the beginning of the first year. There may also be a final interview at the end of the second year to discuss your openness to the sacrament.
6. **Participate in group service project.** You are expected to participate in the Christmas Shoebox Gift group service project. There will be several different ways to participate. There is no set number of hours required.
7. **Select a personal ministry.** Part of preparation will be discernment of gifts. Candidates will prayerfully consider a ministry to the church as a response to these gifts.
8. **Participate in 10th grade Confirmation retreat.** As a 10th grader, you will be offered a retreat. If there is a scheduling conflict, you may attend an alternative retreat approved by the Confirmation Team. **Make schedule conflicts known as soon as possible.**