

Holy Cross Catholic Church Sacrament of Confirmation

Baptism, the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the “sacraments of initiation”, whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For “by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence, they are, as true witness of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.”

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1285.)

Goal of Confirmation Preparation at Holy Cross:

To help the candidate grow in their relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ by developing a life of prayer, by participation in the sacraments, especially the Holy Mass, and by taking an active part in the faith life of our parish community, as they prepare to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

To participate in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Cross:

1. The Candidate must have been baptized and received their first Holy Communion.
[Please submit a copy of the candidate’s Baptism and First Communion Certificate to the parish office.]
2. Sacraments of Initiation are ordinarily to be received in the parish in which the person is an active participant. Those preparing for Confirmation are to participate in parish life at Holy Cross and to attend mass here on Sunday.
3. Those requesting the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Cross will need to complete two years of catechetical formation during their Sophomore and Junior year of High School. A candidate must first have a thorough understanding of the Catholic faith to be able make a profession of faith when being confirmed.

To receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Cross

1. The candidate will show they are prepared for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation by actively living the Catholic Faith: Attending mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receiving Holy Communion, observing days of fasting and abstinence according to the precepts of the Church, and giving time, talents and treasure by participating in the life of the parish. Also, by developing personal prayer in their lives and being committed to the moral teachings of the Church.
2. The candidate will be required to faithfully attend High School catechism classes in the parish. If for any reason they miss a class, they will be required to make up the class they missed. Their catechism teacher will give them an assignment to be completed before the next class.

3. The candidate will be expected to participate in group and/or individual service in the parish. For example, altar servers, lectors and/or service projects. This is to help foster an understanding of living stewardship by giving of ourselves in our parish community.
4. The candidate will be required to attend a confirmation retreat in the fall. If for any reason, there is a conflict with the scheduled date contact Dustin Dauzat immediately.
5. The candidate needs to freely choose to make the decision to receive the sacrament of confirmation.
6. Juniors will write a letter of intention to the Pastor stating why they would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation and what it means to them. Also, a 500-word essay on the Saint they have chosen as their patron. It is required that your Saint of choice must be a Patron Saint. It is permissible to use one's baptismal name for your confirmation name.

Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

1. A Sponsor is someone who accompanies a confirmation candidate on their journey of faith, helping and guiding them in their relationship with God. They are “to see that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent of the sacrament.” [Canon 892]
2. For this reason, a sponsor needs to take seriously their own call received in baptism and confirmation living an exemplary life of the Catholic faith, so they may be a role model to the candidate.
3. The Catholic Church sets forth this criterion for a confirmation sponsor: they must be a Catholic who is Baptized, made their First Communion and Confirmed, not less than 16 years of age, living a life of faith which benefits the role to be undertaken and not under any canonical penalty whether imposed or declared.
4. The father or the mother of the confirmation candidate cannot be their sponsor.
5. A Sponsor is to be chosen by the confirmation candidate the year they are being confirmed. The Sponsor will need to fill out the Sponsor Eligibility Form, have their priest sign it and then submit it to the parish office.

Our Life Teen Program

Life Teen is a Eucharist-centered movement within the Roman Catholic Church. Life Teen leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. With the Blessed Virgin Mary as our intercessor and our guide, Life Teen seeks to unleash the fullness of the Sacramental power present within the young church.

There are three basic types of Life Nights: Doctrinal (a.k.a. Catechetical), Issue and Social. Doctrinal nights follow the semester theme and break open a particular tenant of the faith. Issue nights deal with specific “real-world issues” that teens deal with (i.e. drinking, gossip, chastity, etc.). These nights help the teens see how their Catholic faith is relevant to every aspect of their lives. Finally, social nights build Christian community and friendships.

Class Day & Time

Our Life Night's take place on Sunday evenings from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Candidates may arrive at 6:00 pm for a meal and a chance to socialize with other members of our program.

Attendance & Absences

Attendance will be taken at each program. If they do not attend, we will notify you the parent(s). Weekly attendance is important, but emergencies will occur from time to time. Please call or email Dustin Dauzat at 318-332-6367 or dusitn.dauzat@gmail.com if your child will not be attending. If a child is absent, he or she will be required to make it up.

Attendance will also be taken at mass. There will be a core member that will be present for the teen to check in with mass.

Flocknote Messaging Service

Flocknote is a text messaging and email service for churches that helps us reach everyone in our parish quickly and effectively.

The candidates of our Life Teen Program can subscribe to our Holy Cross Life Teen Group by texting the keyword **holycrosslt** to 84576.

For our parents, our goal is to provide you with an overview what took place during each event. We provide you with a summary of the teaching that was giving that night as well as some questions if you choose to further discuss with your child. You can receive these items by subscribing to Parents of Life Teen Group by texting the keyword **ltparents** to 84576.

I have read and agree to the policy of Holy Cross Catholic Church for the reception of Confirmation:

Parent/Guardian's Signature	Candidate's Signature	Date
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Photo/Film Release: I give consent for Holy Cross Catholic Church Life Teen & Holy Cross Catholic Church permission to use pictures or film taken during high school programs and events to be used in promotional materials and/or parish websites.:

Parent/Guardian's Signature	Candidate's Signature	Date
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**Holy Cross Confirmation Schedule
2018 – 2019 Year**

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

(Arrive at 6:00 pm for a meal and a chance to socialize with other candidates)

****Mass on Sundays at 5pm – Youth Mass****

August 21, 2018	Parents Informational Meeting – Not Mandatory
August 26, 2018	Back 2 Social & BBQ/Getting Acquainted
September 8, 2018	Confirmation Retreat at Maryhill – Pineville, LA
September 9, 2018	Confirmation Retreat at Maryhill – Pineville, LA
September 16, 2018	Life Night
September 23, 2018	Life Night
September 30, 2018	Life Night
October 7, 2018	Life Night
October 14, 2018	Life Night
October 21, 2018	No Life Night – Fall Break
October 28, 2018	Life Night
November 4, 2018	Life Night
November 11, 2018	Life Night
November 18, 2018	No Life Night – Thanksgiving Holiday's
November 26, 2018	Life Night
December 2, 2018	Life Night
December 9, 2018	Life Night - Social
December 16, 2018	No Life Night – Christmas Holiday's
December 23, 2018	No Life Night – Christmas Holiday's
December 30, 2018	No Life Night – New Year's Holiday
January 6, 2019	No Life Night
January 13, 2019	Life Night
January 20, 2019	Life Night
January 27, 2019	Life Night
February 3, 2019	Life Night
February 10, 2019	Life Night
February 17, 2019	Life Night (Winter Break/Local Schools)
February 24, 2019	Life Night
March 3, 2019	Life Night – Not Mandatory
March 10, 2019	No Life Night – Mardi Gras Holiday
March 17, 2019	Life Night
March 24, 2019	Life Night
March 31, 2019	Life Night
April 7, 2019	Life Night
April 14, 2019	Life Night
April 21, 2019	No Life Night – Easter Holidays
April 28, 2019	Life Night
TBD	Confirmation Mass Pending