

Jesus Christ,

Prince of Peace

Catholic Church



Confirmation

Handbook

Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Catholic Church

Confirmation 2023-2024

Clinton, Iowa

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation at Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Church, begins in August and extends through April. Youth in grades 9-12 who are registered members of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, and who **freely choose** to be confirmed will prepare to receive this Sacrament as a group.

The emphasis of the Confirmation process at Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, is for the parents to teach their children to grow in faith as committed members of the Catholic Church.

As stated in the Rite of Baptism, parents are the primary teachers of their children in the ways of faith. With this in mind, parent/s will gather each month to learn and discuss what they will teach their child in the next few weeks. These meetings assist parents in their understanding of the significance of the Sacrament and guide them in preparing their child/ren to receive the Sacrament.

Youth seeking to become candidates for Confirmation 2024 must register by completing the registration form by September 17, when they make a public commitment, stated at the 10:30 am Mass for the Rite of Admission to Candidacy.

Candidates take time for a Confirmation Retreat. This “Retreat” allows the candidates to reflect on their faith journey and look forward to the upcoming Confirmation celebration. The retreat is on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

Two service privileges are required. Stewardship experiences are an excellent opportunity for each person to recognize their gifts and blessings as they offer assistance to the parish in which they belong. We hope this leads to a lifetime of service to the Church and others as fully initiated members of the Church. We are made to know and serve God and others.

Confirmation is about faith, commitment, and community. Each person – from coordinators, parents, candidates, sponsors, and the entire faith community of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Parish – should grow in openness to and awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit during the Confirmation preparation and throughout their journey of faith.

Confirmation Program
Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Catholic Church
2023-2024

Parent Confirmation gatherings will be at 6:30 pm on Thursdays in the Parish Hall.

Thursday, August 31st

✚ Sunday, September 17th

Parent Meeting

*Rite of Admission to Candidacy
10:30 am Mass*

Thursday, September 28th

✚ Saturday, October 21st

Parents Meeting

*Youth Confirmation Retreat
from 9a-5p place TBA*

Thursday, October 26

Parent Meeting

Thursday, November 30

Parent Meeting

Thursday, December 21

Parent Meeting

Thursday, January 25

Parent Meeting

Thursday, February 22

Parent Meeting

Thursday, March 21

Parent Meeting

✚ Saturday, April 6th

*Confirmation Practice 10:30 am
-Youth and sponsors/parent/s need to be present*

CONFIRMATION 5:00 pm

-Youth will need to report to the Church at 4:00 pm. Sponsor at 4:40 pm.

GOALS OF THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

- Candidates understand and comprehend the significance and role of the sacraments in their own lives and the life of the Church.
- Candidates recognize and appreciate the role and activity of the Holy Spirit in their own lives and the life of the Church.
- Candidates have a growing awareness of the person, mission, and message of Jesus.
- Candidates understand and accept what it means to commit their lives to Christ.
- Candidates experience the meaning of initiation into a welcoming community.
- Candidates realize that stewardship is a way of life that includes being thankful for what God has given them, accountability in using our talents to serve others, and a spirit of generosity.
- Candidates understand the Rite of Confirmation and prepare to celebrate it meaningfully.

ROLE OF THE CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

The person chosen by the candidate to be their Confirmation sponsor must fulfill the conditions mentioned in Canon 874.5 of the code of Canon Law for the Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Davenport, and the Parish.

- 1.) The sponsor must be a practicing Catholic (attends Mass weekly) who has been baptized, confirmed, and receives the Holy Eucharist. The sponsor must lead a life in harmony with the faith.**
- 2.) The sponsor must have completed their 21st year unless the pastor makes an exception for a just cause.**
- 3.) The sponsor may not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.**

***It is desirable that the one who undertook the sponsor role at Baptism be the sponsor for Confirmation (Canon 893).**

****A baptized person from a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be a sponsor but may witness Confirmation with a Catholic sponsor (Canon 874).**

***The sponsor is strongly encouraged to meet/talk with the Confirmation candidate at least once a month to discuss the candidate's spirituality and prayer life, the service project in which the candidate is involved, the candidate's relationship with others, the candidate's school life, where the Holy Spirit is leading the candidate, etc. In this respect, the Confirmation sponsor should be a person who lives close to the Confirmation candidate.

***The sponsor is strongly encouraged to attend Mass with the candidate during the Confirmation process. Sharing a meal after Mass is another way to "reach out" to the Confirmation candidate.

***The sponsor is strongly encouraged to show their support for the candidate through prayers, cards or letters, and phone calls during the Confirmation preparation and continue to lend spiritual support after the Confirmation catechesis and Liturgy is over.

SERVICE PRIVILEGE SUMMARY

Confirmation Candidates Name _____

Name of the Service Privilege _____

Name of Supervising Adult _____

Date _____

Place _____

How does this service privilege help you reflect on being good stewards of God's creation?
(TAG -Thankful, Accountable, and Generous) _____

Signature of Supervising Adult (not a parent) during the privilege.

Date

This page must be completed before March 21, 2024, and turned in to the Parish Office.

NAME _____

PARISH SERVICE PRIVILEGES

Please indicate which one of the following parish activities that you will participate in during the Confirmation process. A report must be completed before March 21, 2024.

_____ **Greeter Ministry** – monthly, greet at the weekend Liturgy as assigned by the ministry schedule. Training is provided. **Contact Cindy Holliday 242-6374.**

_____ **Altar Server Ministry** –monthly, assist the priest during Mass as assigned by the ministry schedule. Training is provided. **Contact Diane Tuescher 243-5206.**

_____ **Usher Ministry** – monthly, provide hospitality for the gathered and assistance in the celebration before, during, and after each Mass. Training is provided.
Contact Brenda Bertram 242-3311.

_____ **Lector** – monthly share the scriptures from the ambo at the weekend Liturgy as part of the ministry schedule. Training is provided. **Contact Father Paul Appel 242-3311.**

_____ **Music Ministry** – monthly, share your God-given gifts in the children or adults choirs, including musical instruments. **Contact Andrea Kleinschmidt 219-3505.**

_____ **Children’s Liturgy Assistant** – monthly assist with leading the Children’s Liturgy of the Word as scheduled. Virtus training is required. **Contact Brenda Bertram 242-3311.**

_____ **Parish Hall Dining Room Helper** – assist with clearing tables and clean-up after planned events hosted by the Knights or Parish Lady Auxiliary.
Contact Dave Franz 319-631-2358

_____ **Parish Commission Member** – choose to serve on a Parish Commission by attending the monthly meetings and offering assistance on programs and projects.
Contact Brenda Bertram 242-3311.

_____ **Pastoral Council Youth Member** – serve and report on youth activities in the parish at the bi-monthly meetings for a two-year term. **Contact Brenda Bertram 242-3311.**

CHURCH SERVICE PRIVILEGES

RETURN THIS SHEET By September 28, 2023

TO: Chris Vital, 1105 LaMetta Wynn Dr., Clinton, IA 52732

Confirmation Covenant Agreement

*“A new heart I will give you,
and a new spirit I will put within you.”*

Confirmation is an important step in the life of a Christian. To receive the gift of the Spirit on the day of Confirmation requires openness and prayerful preparation. Signing this Confirmation Covenant indicates that you are willing to become a candidate for Confirmation and will prepare yourself to receive this necessary Sacrament of our Catholic faith.

What is asked?

- 1.) A willingness to live the faith; regular Sunday Mass participation at Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Catholic Church; time spent praying with the Lord.
- 2.) Attendance and participation in the Confirmation teaching with my parent/s.
- 3.) At all events, a spirit of cooperation is shown to parents, catechists, peers, and team leaders.
- 4.) Participation in the selected service privilege experience.
- 5.) Careful consideration in selecting your sponsor.
- 6.) Careful consideration in selecting a SAINT name for Confirmation. Please choose a saint found on the current Catholic Liturgical Calendar (list provided)—information about the saint you choose and a short paragraph about why you chose this name.
- 7.) Confirmation information (Registration, Baptismal Date/Certificate, Sponsor’s Name and Letter of Eligibility, etc.) should be provided to Chris Vital before the due date of each form.
- 8.) Attendance at the Confirmation rehearsal.

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STUDENT’S SIGNATURE

*I have read and understand the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
I desire to become a candidate for the Sacrament. I pledge to fulfill these conditions.*

STUDENT _____ DATE _____

PARENT’S SIGNATURE

I read and understand what is required of myself and my son/daughter in preparation for my child’s Sacrament of Confirmation. I pledge to assist my child in preparation for this Sacrament.

PARENT _____ DATE _____

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Confirmation Sponsor Letter of Eligibility

**JESUS CHRIST,
PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH
1105 LAMETTA WYNN DR
CLINTON, IOWA**

Confirmation Sponsor Sheet

The Confirmation sponsor has an important relationship with the candidate for Confirmation. The sponsor sees that the confirmed person acts as a faithful witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligation connected with this Sacrament. Since Confirmation is the completion of the Sacraments of Initiation, which began with Baptism, it is desirable (but not required) that one of the Baptismal sponsors be considered first.

To be admitted to the role of Confirmation Sponsor, Canon Law, the Diocese of Davenport, and the Parish state that the sponsor:

1. be 21 years old, unless the pastor makes an exception;
2. be Catholic and have received all of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist);
3. Lives his or her life in such a way that it befits the role to be undertaken;
4. Not be under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared;
5. Be neither the father nor the mother of the person to be confirmed.

9. _____ age _____, residing at _____
Street Address

_____ agree to serve as a Sponsor at the Confirmation of
City State Zip

Candidate's Name

I am a registered and active member of:

Parish _____

Parish Street Address _____
Address City State Zip Code

Please check all that apply to you:

- I affirm that I am Baptized and Confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church.

Place/Date of Baptism _____

Place/Date of Confirmation _____

- I attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. (Precept of the Catholic Church CCC # 2041-3)
- I strive to live the Gospel daily and support others, especially those who have asked me to be his/her sponsor.
- I am striving to grow in my understanding of the Catholic faith.
- I will support the young person I am sponsoring by my continued interest in his/her spiritual growth, prayers, and the Christian example of my life.

For Married Catholics:

- I am validly married in the Catholic Church and live following the word of God and the teachings of the Catholic Church.

For Religious or Clergy:

- I am in good standing with my religious community and/or the diocese I belong to.

For Single Catholics:

- I am a single person living a chaste life following the word of God and the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Before God, I testify to the truth of my responses.**

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Signature of Sponsor's Pastor: _____ *Date* _____

Apply Parish Seal Here

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Confirmation Candidate Registration

Full Baptismal Name _____
 First Middle Last

Date of Birth _____ Age on APRIL 6, 2024 _____
 Month Day Year Place City/State

Candidate's chosen Confirmation Name: _____

Father's Name _____ Religious affiliation _____
 First Last

Mother's Name _____
 First Maiden Last

Religious affiliation _____ Family Mass Time _____

Candidate's Address _____
 PO Box/Street City State Zip

Phone H _____ Cell _____ Cell _____

Candidate's 2nd Address _____
(If applicable) PO Box/Street City State Zip

E-mail addresses of parent/s AND candidate _____

School _____ Grade _____

CANDIDATE'S BAPTISM INFORMATION

Baptismal Date _____

Church _____
(If not baptized at Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, please attach a copy of the Baptismal certificate.)

Address _____
 PO Box/Street City State ZIP

Diocese of _____ in the State of _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____
 # Street City State Zip

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