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Sacrament of Confirmation

Parent Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. The Sacrament of Confirmation
   - ***Sacraments*** are rituals of the Catholic Church, instituted by Jesus Christ to give grace and to continue the life of the Church in every generation. There are seven (7) Sacraments – Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage & Holy Orders.
   - The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist form the ***Sacraments of Initiation*** whereby we become full members of the Church and anointed disciples of the Lord Jesus.
   - Baptism and Confirmation endow us the *gifts of the Holy Spirit* to help make our discipleship fruitful in our life and in the life of the Church.
   - In Confirmation – as we will celebrate it – candidates are able to profess the faith of their baptism in their own voice. The grace of the Holy Spirit will bestow strength from on high to help the newly confirmed spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess Jesus is Lord with boldness, and never to be ashamed of the Cross.
   - Confirmation is the sealing – with **Sacred Chrism** – of the life of Christ in each candidate.

3. Invitation to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
   As we approach major life changes – especially in the Sacraments – it is appropriate to examine our life and to seek God's forgiveness and mercy for sin. Parents and candidates are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Confirmation. Priests are available for the Sacrament each Saturday from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Come … even if it has been a few years … the Lord desires to relieve the burden of sin from your heart and help you walk again in His ways.

4. Role of the Confirmation Sponsor
Parents and candidates choose a *sponsor* for Confirmation. The Sponsor may only be a fully initiated Roman Catholic – having themselves received *Baptism, Confirmation, and first Eucharist* – in the Roman Catholic Church. Christians of other denominations and the non-baptized may not serve as a Confirmation sponsor. Further, Sponsors must have completed their 16th year and may not be mother or father of the one being Confirmed.

5. Celebration of Confirmation
This year, the bishops will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in other Deaneries of the Diocese. Bishop Dabrowski has delegated Father Wynen to celebrate the Sacrament at Saint Benedict Parish this year.

Here are some important details …

- Candidates and Sponsors will gather in the Parish Hall at least **20 minutes** before the announced time of the celebration. Candidates will be given and must wear a name tag. They will process in 5 minutes before we begin and will be seated with their Sponsor in designated pews in the central aisle.
- Other than the pews reserved for Candidates & Sponsors, there are no other reserved seats in the Church. The Church will open one hour prior to the announced start of the ceremony for family and friends to take their places.
- Family and friends may take photographs from their seat – please do not move around – Fr. Dave will be available for pictures with sponsors and candidates following the celebration.
- There will be an opportunity for a free will offering on the occasion of Confirmation – baskets will be on the gift table near the baptismal font … the offerings go to help us pay down the construction debt on our Parish Church.

6. Outline of the Liturgy of Confirmation –

Introductory Rites
Entrance Hymn
Sign of the Cross
Greeting
Collect

Liturgy of the Word
Scripture reading
Responsorial Psalm
Gospel
Homily

Rite of Confirmation
Profession of Faith
Prayer over the Candidates
Anointing with Sacred Chrism – *each Candidate and Sponsor will approach the presiding Priest via the side aisle, the sponsor will place their right hand on the right shoulder of the candidate. The priest will anoint with Sacred Chrism and say – "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." The candidate responds,* ***"Amen."*** *The Priest then says to each, "Peace be with you." The candidate responds,* ***"And with your spirit."***
Universal Prayer (Petitions)

Concluding Rites
Lord's Prayer
Greeting
Solemn Blessing & Dismissal
Recessional Hymn

7. All attending the celebration are reminded that **no food or drink** may be brought into the Church or consumed before, during or after the celebration.

8. Parents are reminded to "register" their child for the Sacrament by visiting our Parish website. If there is difficulty attending on the day and time designated for your child's school, please contact our Parish Office for alternatives.

Confirmation Celebrations at Saint Benedict Parish

Friday, November 20, 2026	7:00 p.m. Guardian Angels School
Saturday, November 21, 2026	10:30 a.m. Lumen Christi School
	1:00 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima School
Thursday, December 3, 2026	7:00 p.m. Saint Benedict School
Friday, December 4, 2026	7:00 p.m. Saint Josephine & Saint Veronica Schools
Saturday, December 5, 2026	10:30 a.m. Saint Scholastica School

Class Visits to Saint Benedict Church
Each School will have a time for a visit to the Church – a period of reflection and an opportunity to walk through the Rite of Confirmation in the Church.

Appropriate Dress for the Celebration
Candidates – the celebration is a "dress up" occasion – within reason.

Male candidates – suit with tie or non-denim pants with shirt and sweater. No T-shirts or sweatshirts.

Female candidates – dress (covering shoulders to knees); skirt with blouse; or non-denim dress pants with blouse. Sensible shoes.

Sponsors – men and women – business casual.