

Confirmation

Expectations

Confirmation Requirements:

1. Registered members of Parish/Enrollment Fees:

1. Be a registered member of our parish:
 - a. All families who have children enrolled in any Sacrament Preparation class will need to be registered members of the parish. If you need to register, please come to the Parish office, 4100 Broadway to register.
2. Enrollment fees:
 - a. Pre-Enrollment-April 18-June 30
 - i. \$25 per student, \$50 per family with 2+ children
 - b. Enrollment-July 1-August 31
 - i. \$45 per student, \$75 per family with 2+ children

Failure to pay at time of enrollment, results in the registration form not being accepted; therefore your children are not registered to attend PSR or Confirmation until payment is received.

2. Baptismal and Birth Certificates:

Prince of Peace Parish has **NO** storage space to store all birth certificates, therefore you need to resubmit copies of birth certificates for each sacrament.

If your child was baptized at Prince of Peace (either St. Patrick or St. Rose church), we will **not** need a copy of baptismal certificate. Otherwise, a baptism that has taken place at another church will need to submit a copy of their baptism certificate. **We need to have a copy of their Baptismal and Birth Certificates to verify for our Sacrament books.**

3. Attendance:

Attendance is very important for your child to be fully prepared to receive this sacrament. Your child should attend every Confirmation session and arrive on time. Your child is not allowed to leave early or arrive late. **Please let any extracurricular activities know that your child is not allowed to miss Confirmation.** *When it comes to deciding which Wednesday night activity is more important, I pose the question of which activity is going to ultimately help your child's eternal salvation.*

If your child misses more than three classes they will need to meet with the Pastor and/or or the Director of Religious Education to make up for it. No absences will be excused. Please call the church offices at 620-92-1396 to arrange for makeup of missed classes.

4. Sunday Mass:

As Catholics, we are obligated to attend Mass every Sunday [weekend] and Holy Days of Obligation. Those who fail in this obligation commit a grave sin (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2181*).

It is important that you attend Mass and celebrate the sacraments regularly as a family.

Mass attendance will be taken for every student. In order to take attendance, every student will be given a set of Mass cards of every Sunday and Holy Day beginning September 18-April 30. Each card will have the student number assigned to them and the date on them. At Mass, the child will need to put their card in the Offertory (collection). **If your child has more than 3 absences (All Mass absences are considered unexcused) for Sunday Masses and Holy Days of Obligations, your child will be required to make up any missed Masses.**

Since every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation (from September 18-April 30) are part of the set of Mass cards you received, make up Masses will begin Sunday, May 7. Therefore the Sacrament of Confirmation will be delayed to later in the summer in order to make up missed Masses.

For example, during the school year (September-April), you missed 5 total Masses. The first three are freebies, leaving 2 Masses that need made up beginning May 7, 2023. Once Masses are made up, we will be able to schedule your sacrament to occur during one of the regularly scheduled Sunday Masses.

Weekend Mass times are as follows:

St. Patrick-Saturday (5pm), Sunday (10am)

St. Rose-Saturday (5:30pm), Sunday (8am and 12:30-Spanish)

Holy Days of Obligation are as follows:

November 1-All Saint's Day

December 8-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 25-Christmas

January 1-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Please check the bulletin for Holy Days of Obligation Mass times!

If you miss Mass, it is important that you go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, for those who have made their First Reconciliation.

Confessions are available starting one hour before Mass times on Saturday. Confessions are available in English and Spanish at both churches.

If you attend Mass at another parish, it is your child's responsibility to bring proof to class that they attended Mass. On the back of your Mass card, you can fill out the information and return to class on Wednesday. If you forget your Mass card, another example of proof is the parish bulletin (which has the date printed on it), signed by the parish priest. **Past Mass cards put in the following weekend's collection will be marked as an absence.**

5. Choosing a Saint Name: Please see Guidelines for Choosing Your Confirmation Saint in the Appendix for more information.

The Communion of Saints play an important role in our lives. Not only do the saints join us at every Mass that is celebrated, but we ask for intercessory prayer through them for our intentions to God. **The Saints, who have come before us have lived their life serving God and defending the faith. Just like we have earthly role models, such as parents, sports figures, actors, actresses, etc., we also have heavenly role models who we should look up to.**

Biblically, many people changed their name. A new name has often signified a drawing closer to God and being sent on a new mission, as with Abram becoming Abraham (Genesis 17:5), Jacob becoming Israel (Genesis 35:10), and Simon becoming Peter (John 1:42). It has never been uncommon for priests and religious to take a new name upon entering the religious life, and Popes take a new name as well—the choice of Francis by our current Holy Father sent a clear message as to the kind of Pope he would be.

As part of your confirmation preparation, **you will need to research a saint that you look up to and write a paper on the saint.** The saint should be someone that you may have a great devotion to, can relate to, or look to as a good Christian role model. **The paper must be typed and a minimum of 500 words is required.** More details on what to write about for your saint can be found in the appendix. Again the saint you pick is the name you will be confirmed under. You can choose to be confirmed with your baptismal name. Researching a saint and writing a paper is still required if you choose to be confirmed with your baptismal name.

6. Parent/Student Meeting:

In order to assist parents in the preparation of their children for the celebration of the sacraments, we will provide at least two Parent Meetings. **These Parent Meetings are required.**

The Parent/Student Meeting is September 7, 2022 at St. Rose Auditorium. At least one parent along with the child needs to attend. The meeting helps familiarize parents with current church teachings, promote family participation in the celebration of the Sacrament and to extend the process of catechesis in the home.

7. Confirmation Retreat:

- **This retreat will be March 4, 2023, 10:30am – 6:30pm**
- This retreat will be put on by K-State college students in Great Bend. There will be fun games, serious talks, and discussions. Additional information will be given at a later date.
 - If you miss the retreat, which is free of charge, you will need to make up the retreat at the discretion of the Director of Religious Education and Pastor.
- **Alternative Retreat Option-The Middle School Rally is Saturday, October 21, 2022, in Dodge City.** The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City hosts a Middle School Youth Rally (grades 6-8th). There will be fun games, serious talks, and discussions. There may be additional cost to attend the rally, which is up to the retreatant to pay. If you attend the Middle School Rally, **you will not be required** to attend the Confirmation Retreat put on by K-State. More details will be available at a later date.

8. Sponsors:

The child will need to identify and choose ONE person that will stand as a sponsor. The Sponsor's primary role is to assist the candidate in preparing for Confirmation, to present the candidate for confirmation, and to help the confirmed person to live out his or her Christian faith fully. **A sponsor should be of the child's choosing.** The sponsor of who your child chooses should exemplify a practicing Catholic, meaning, frequenting the Sacrament of the Eucharist weekly, making a good Confession regularly, and living a life in accord with the Catholic Church. Just like the saints are our heavenly role models, the sponsors should be an earthly role model that your student looks up as an exemplary Christian person living the Gospel.

A sponsor must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Be a Catholic who is at least sixteen years old.**
- 2. Have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.**
- 3. Be a person who leads "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on."**
- 4. If married, marriage is a sacramental marriage and recognized by the Catholic Church. Cannot be living with a partner outside of a Catholic marriage.**
- 5. If single, sponsor cannot be living with a partner outside of a Catholic marriage.**
- 6. Not be a parent of the candidate.**

A new form is being used to determine the eligibility of a valid Sponsor. The form needs to be filled out by the sponsor and the parish priest where the sponsor resides. All sponsors, even those local to Great Bend, need to complete and return this form to the Director of Religious Education. **For those sponsors married in another parish outside of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Great Bend, KS, sponsor must present a copy of the Sacrament of Marriage Certificate from the parish where they got married.** For those sponsors outside of Prince of Peace Parish, **the parish seal is required on the form.**

9. Service Project: Please see the Appendix for more information.

- Two individual service projects are required.** Service projects must be at least 2 hours in length and be unpaid for service. There are ample amounts of service projects that will be offered throughout the preparation year. Sign-up sheets will be used to track attendance. Other projects can be done on your own and not part of the projects we provide.
- Four Ministry service projects are required (Two per semester).** Mass service projects are to help make the Mass flow better and to assist the priests. Examples of ways you can serve at Mass are:
 - **Usher/Greeters:** The usher helps people to find a seat as they enter the church. They will also pass the baskets for the collection. They also pass out the song and missal books at the Spanish Mass.
 - **Gift Bearers:** The gift bearers will bring up the gifts of bread, wine, and collection to the priest at the front of the church.
 - **Altar Servers:** The altar servers are trained to serve the priest at the altar. They help the priest at the altar with various duties during the Mass.
 - **Lector:** The lector reads the First and/or Second Reading.
 - **Leader:** They begin the Mass with making announcements and also prays the Intercessions of the Faithful.
 - **Cantor/Musicians:** The cantor leads the congregation in song or playing an instrument.

To be trained and to sign up for these various ministries, please contact Luke Blair, 620.792.1396, or Ana Fabela, 620.617.8886.

For Holy Days of Obligations, ie, All Saint's Day, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Christmas, Easter, and Mary, Mother of God, there will be sign-up sheets available weeks prior to the feast day for you to sign up to help with the various ministries.

10.Quinceañera:

Any quinceañera that will take place in 2022-23, the student **should already be confirmed (No Exceptions)** since we now confer receiving of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the 8th grade.

All quinceañera preparations is taken care of by Ana Martinez. Please contact her for more information at 620.797.0793.

Failure to meet these expectations means your child is not well prepared to receive the Sacraments. You are able to return the next school year to prepare for the Sacraments.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please refer to the calendar for dates of when practice is. One parent/guardian or sponsor must attend practice with their child.

- The Sacrament of the Confirmation Mass will not be part of the regular Sunday Mass schedule. The Mass date is determined by the Office of the Bishop. The Director of Religious Education, along with Parish priest and other administrators select dates based on what is provided and available by the Office of the Bishop, then the ultimate decision comes from the Office of Bishop.
- **One Sponsor** is required for Confirmation. The sponsor will have a reserved seat with the candidate. Parents and all other family members will sit in unreserved sections of the church. Please arrive early if you want a close seat.
- On the day of the receiving the sacrament, I ask that you and your child arrive **30 min prior to the start of Mass.**
- A photographer will be available for pictures before and during the Mass to capture your child receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. The bishop will be available for pictures with your child at the reception (Parish Center) following the Mass.
- **Dress Code:** Modesty is a virtue. Clothing for the celebration of Confirmation is as follows:
 1. Men- Dress pants, dress shirt, or Polo. NO JEANS, T-SHIRTS, SHORTS, CUT OFFS, TENNIS SHOES OR FLIP FLOPS!
(Optional: Suit, Sweater, Suspenders, Vest, tie)
 2. Women- Modest dress. Dresses and skirts are to be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Dresses that show shoulders must have a sweater or jacket to cover. Dress pants and dress shirt is also acceptable. Tops and dress must not be revealing-no cleavage. NO JEANS, T-SHIRTS, SHORTS, CUT OFFS, TENNIS SHOES OR FLIP FLOPS!

Examples of the dress code can be found on our parish website, <https://greatbendcatholic.com/faith-formation/confirmation>. Any clothes deemed unacceptable by the catechists will be sent home to change. Please also inform your Sponsor of the same dress code.

Appendix

Guidelines for Choosing Your Confirmation Saint

As you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation you are asked to choose a Confirmation saint as your patron/patroness. At your Confirmation you will be confirmed using this name. You may choose your Baptismal name, select a name from the Bible, or a saint (canonized, blessed, or servant of God) of the Catholic Church. The saint you choose should reflect a devotion you have to the saint, virtues or gifts to which you aspire, or the patron saint of certain gifts that are dear to you.

1. Read and learn about several saints and their lives before making your choice. You can choose a saint of either gender.
2. Pray about the saint you are considering.
3. The Director of Religious Education will approve your selection of a saint before you complete the report to verify the saint exists. You need to email your saint name to Jaclyn Brown, drepop4100@gmail.com by January 30.

Guidelines for the Saint Report

1. **Your report should be typed and at least 500 words and include a title and your name. Your paper is due to the Director of Religious Education by March 30. You can email your paper to drepop4100@gmail.com.**
2. **Your report should explain who your saint is, and provide as much detail as you can about his/her life.** Here are some questions that can help you:
 - When and where was your saint born? Did s/he live in one place?
 - What did s/he do for a living?
 - What drew him or her to Jesus Christ?
 - Did your saint become a priest or nun, or was he/she a layperson?
 - Did your saint know other saints of the Catholic Church? Did they get along?
 - What sort of obstacles did your saint have to overcome to attain holiness?
 - Did your saint write any books? Has another saint written about your saint?
 - When and how did your saint die?
 - On what date is your saint celebrated by the Church? Is there a reason why it is this date?
 - On what date was your saint declared a saint by the Church?
 - What is your saint the patron/patroness of?
 - What miracles are attributed to your saint?
3. **Your report should also explain why you chose this saint. Here are some questions that can help you:**
 - What virtues or qualities does this saint have that you admire?
 - Do you and your saint have any similarities?
 - Are there other saints who were devoted to your patron saint?
 - Is your saint the patron/patroness of something that matters to you?
 - How can this saint help you live your life as a confirmed Catholic?
4. **You can include pictures, maps, and quotes from your saint. You can also include quotes about your saint made by important figures within the Church (including other saints).**

Resources for Choosing a Confirmation Saint

Websites:

www.ewtn.com

www.vatican.va

www.catholic.org

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/source/saint-of-the-day/>

www.newadvent.org

www.catholicsaints.info

List of Saints

The following list is for you to use as a starting point in your journey to decide whom your “Confirmation saint buddy” will be.

Super Saints

- St. Mary, the Mother of God
- St. Denis
- St. George Martyr
- St. Joan of Arc
- St. Joseph Cupertino
- St. Louis IX
- St. Margaret of Antioch
- St. Maximilian Kolbe
- Bl. Miguel Pro
- St. Padre Pio
- St. Patrick
- St. Peter
- St. Simeon Stylites
- St. Quiteria

Modern day saints

- Venerable Augustus Tolton
- St. André Bessette
- Servant of God Chiara Corbella Petrillo
- Servant of God Dorothy Day
- St. Gianna
- St. Jaime Hilario Barbal
- St. John XXIII
- St. John Paul II
- St. Josemaria Escriva
- St. Josephine Bakhita
- St. Katharine Drexel
- St. Luigi Orione
- St. Maria Bernard Butler
- St. Maria Faustina Kowalska
- St. Mary MacKillop
- St. Mother Teresa
- St. Óscar Romero
- St. Pauline of the Suffering Heart of Jesus
- St. Pius X
- St. Riccardo Pampuri
- Bl. Sára Salkaházi
- St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- Servant of God Thea Bowman
- Servant of God Emil Kaupan

Saints who are Doctors of the Church

- St. Albert the Great
- St. Alphonsus Liguori
- St. Ambrose
- St. Anselm of Canterbury
- St. Anthony of Padua
- St. Athanasius
- St. Augustine
- St. Basil the Great
- St. Bede the Venerable
- St. Bernard of Clairvaux
- St. Bonaventure
- St. Catherine of Siena
- St. Cyril of Alexandria
- St. Cyril of Jerusalem
- St. Ephrem the Syrian
- St. Francis de Sales
- St. Gregory of Narek
- St. Gregory the Great
- St. Gregory of Nazianzus
- St. Hilary of Poitiers
- St. Hildegard of Bingen
- St. Isidore of Seville
- St. John Chrysostom
- St. John of Ávila
- St. John of Damascus
- St. John of the Cross
- St. Jerome
- St. Lawrence of Brindisi
- St. Leo I, the Great
- St. Peter Chrysologus
- St. Peter Damian
- St. Peter Canisius
- St. Robert Bellarmine
- St. Thérèse of Lisieux
- St. Teresa of Ávila
- St. Thomas Aquinas

Saints with a really cool conversion story

- St. Augustine of Hippo (also a doctor of the Church)
- St. Francis of Assisi
- St. Genesius
- St. Moses the Black
- St. Paul the Apostle
- St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Bl. Imelda Lambertini
- St. Longinus
- St. Mary Magdalene
- St. Vladimir of Kiev

Saints with names your bishop might have trouble pronouncing

- St. Alphonsa Muttathupadathu
- St. Benedicta Hyon Kyongnyon
- St. Ceolwulf of Northumbria
- St. John Chrysostom
- St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- St. Quadragesimus
- Bl. Volodymyr Pryjma
- Bl. Zepherin Namuncura
- St. Zygmunt Gorazdowski

Saints who reached sanctity before the age of 25

- St. Agnes
- St. Aloysius Gonzaga
- St. Aquilina
- Bl. Carlo Acutis
- St. Charles Lwanga
- Bl. Chiara Luce Badano
- St. Dominic Savio
- Bl. Francisco Marto
- St. Gemma Galgani
- Bl. Jacinta Marto
- St. José Sánchez del Rio
- St. Lucy
- St. Maria Goretti
- St. Perpetua
- St. Philomena
- Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati
- St. Tarcisius

Saints to invoke if you need prayers for a very specific intention

- For abuse victims – St. Monica
- For adopted children – St. Thomas More
- For artists – St. Catherine of Bologna
- For athletes – St. Sebastian
- For altar servers – St. John Berchmans
- For bakers – St. Nicholas
- For Christian mothers – St. Anne
- For earaches – St. Polycarp
- For fisherman – St. Andrew
- For friendships – St. John the Evangelist
- For farmers and rural communities – St. Isidore the Farmer
- For “hopeless causes” – St. Jude Thaddeus
- For hunters – St. Hubert
- For headaches – St. Teresa of Ávila (also a doctor of the Church)
- For musicians – St. Cecilia
- For physicians – St. Luke
- For the poor – St. Lawrence
- For protection from fire – St. Agatha of Sicily
- For those too sick to care for themselves – St. Roch
- For sore eyes – St. Clare of Assisi
- For speakers and philosophers – St. Justin Martyr
- For those who struggle with doubt – St. Thomas the Doubter
- For students – St. John Bosco and St. Benedict
- For the universal Church and fathers – St. Joseph
- For those suffering nervous and mental afflictions – St. Dymphna
- For toothaches – St. Apollonia
- For travelers – St. Christopher

Service Projects

Community Service Projects (Two projects): All these individual projects will have sign-up sheets at Confirmation class.

- Anointing of the Sick Mass followed by a Soup Supper
- Christmas Church Decorations
- Removal of Christmas Decorations
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
- Knights of Columbus Chicken Fried Chicken Dinner
- Knights of Columbus Sausage and Pancake Feed
- Knights of Columbus Soup supper
- St. Rose Church Cleaning
- St. Patrick Church Cleaning
- Easter Church Decorations
- Other opportunities will come up throughout the year.

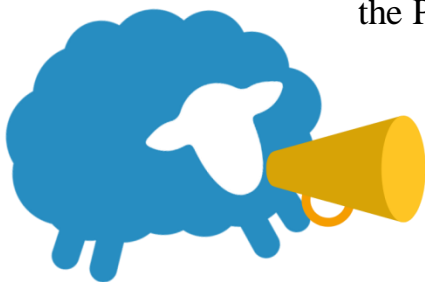
Ministry Service Projects (Two projects per semester, 4 total):

- **Usher/Greeters:** The usher helps people to find a seat as they enter the church. They will also pass the baskets for the collection. They also pass out the song and missal books at the Spanish Mass.
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Flocknote

In order to keep in communication with you throughout the year, we use Flocknote to communicate with our parishioners on various events. If you are not part of Flocknote, please see the page to add yourself. There is no need to sign up for an account or download an app. I will send information via text or email.

In addition, I will be updating our website frequently, especially for First Eucharist and Confirmation, to provide you with more information that I may need throughout the year. Please visit our website at greatbendcatholic.com, and look under the Faith Formation tab.



This is the best way for me to communicate with you throughout the PSR year. I use this method to communicate with you for various events, activities, cancellations, and reminders.

~Jaclyn Brown, DRE

To improve our communication, we have created a Flocknote account for our Parish.

All you need to do is to switch on your data / Wi-Fi service and send a text to phone number - **84576**

The text is: **POPGBKS**

Then you will receive a link. Click on the link and complete the form and check all the groups you are interested to receive information.

You need NOT create an account or password.

Please let office know if you have any questions or you need any assistance.

Esta es la mejor manera de comunicarme con usted durante nuestro año PSR. Nuestra parroquia utiliza este método para comunicarse con usted para diversos eventos, actividades, cancelaciones y recordatorios. ¡Por favor, regístrese!

~Jaclyn Brown, DRE

Para mejorar nuestra comunicación, hemos creado para nuestra Parroquia una cuenta en Flocknote.

Todo lo que necesita hacer es encender sus servicio de datos / Wi-Fi y envía un mensaje de texto al número de teléfono:

202 765 3441

Con el texto: **POPGBKS**

Entonces recibirá un enlace. Haga clic en el enlace y complete el formulario y marque todos los grupos que le interese participar para recibir información.

NO necesita crear una cuenta o contraseña.

Por favor informe a la oficina si tiene alguna pregunta o si necesita ayuda.