

Sponsor Roles & Responsibilities

Congratulations & thank you for accepting the role of being a Confirmation sponsor for an active young person at Holy Spirit parish. As a Confirmation sponsor you have accepted an important role in Confirmation – supporting the candidate and the candidate’s parents as the candidate prepares for Confirmation. However, your commitment does not end with the candidate celebrating their Confirmation, the relationship between you, as sponsor, and the candidate will continue to grow and change for the rest of your lives. A Confirmation sponsor is someone that chooses to accompany the candidate on their lifelong faith journey of discipleship in Christ Jesus. Recognizing this important role, the Church has developed a few ways to assist sponsors in developing a special and faith-based relationship with the candidate in which we ask you to participate.

Fall Retreat Day – Saturday, November 13th from 10am until 2pm

This is an event is at Holy Spirit for candidates and sponsors to engage in faith conversation (the first of the “Faith to Faith” conversation booklet which will be given out at this retreat) and then an opportunity to serve in the community.

“Faith to Faith” conversations

This is a booklet that is designed to facilitate faith-based conversations between candidate and sponsor. There are 6 conversations that we hope are shared between sponsor and candidate monthly. We encourage you to have these conversations in each other’s presence, beginning and ending with prayer. However, we understand that life requires flexibility so plan according to your schedules for a time to be available to one another for this intentional conversation.

Conversation Stations – Saturday and Sunday April 30 & May 1st (times TBA)

Candidates and Sponsors are asked to come to this event to discuss and review all that the candidate has learned in their preparation for the sacrament. At this event, there are 15 faith stations dedicated to important aspects of our faith where candidate and sponsor will spend time in conversation and prayer. This will take ~1.5-2 hours to complete.

Confirmation Rehearsal – Saturday, August 27th 9am

Confirmation Mass – Sunday, August 28th 11:30am Mass

We expect candidates and sponsors to arrive no later than 10:30am. Reception to follow.

Please ask the candidate about optional events & activities as well!

Note: Each of these events is **MANDATORY**. If you are unable to attend any of these events, a parent may stand in your place; however, please let the candidate and youth minister, Allison Steen-Baker (allison@holyspiritcatholic.org), know as soon as possible as there may be resources available to help recreate the experience with the candidate on your own time.



Confirmation Sponsor Form

I, _____ have requested

(Confirmation Candidate's first, middle and last name-please print)

(Sponsor's full name—please print)

(Sponsor's full address, city, state and zip code & EMAIL—please print)

to be my Confirmation sponsor. I understand that my sponsor must be a confirmed Catholic, active in his/her faith. A sponsor is someone other than my parent whom I respect as a role model of Christian life.

My sponsor ¹ belongs to the Roman Catholic Parish of:

(Full name of Church—please print)

(Church's full address, city, state and zip code-please print)

Sponsor Acceptance

I, _____ accept the invitation to be a sponsor at the
(Sponsor's full name—please print)

Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

I affirm that I am a baptized Catholic, that I practice my religion, and that I am in good standing with the Catholic Church.

I understand that I am acting as a witness to the public acceptance of the Catholic religion by this Candidate.

I agree to act as a guide and advisor to this candidate, most especially by my own Catholic example and witness.

(Signature of Sponsor)

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN November 13, 2021

Verification Form

Please mail to: Holy Spirit Catholic Church
4754 Smallhouse Road
Bowling Green, KY 42104
Attn: Allison Steen-Baker

Date: _____

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT _____ (Full Name)

- _____ Has/have completed instruction for Baptism.
- _____ Has/have permission to have their child/ren _____ baptized in your Church.
- _____ Will have to complete preparations for this Sacrament in your Church.
- _____ Lives within the boundaries of our Parish but is/are not known to us.
- X Is/are known and registered here are practicing Catholics.
- X Has/Have permission to be godparent(s) sponsor(s) for:
 - _____ Baptism X Confirmation _____ Witness at Marriage in your Church.
- For _____
- _____ Has/have completed instruction for this Sacrament in our Church.
- _____ Has/have permission to have 1st Eucharist in your Church.
- _____ Has/have permission to be Confirmed in your Church.
- _____ Has/have permission to be Married in your Church.

Pastor/Pastoral Associate

Parish seal