

St. Bridget Catholic Church

2019 Confirmation FAQs

Q. WHAT IS CONFIRMATION

A. Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds. Confirmation, like Baptism, imprints a spiritual mark or indelible character on the Christian's soul; for this reason one can receive this sacrament only once in one's life. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1316-1317*)

Q. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF CONFIRMATION?

A. Parents must fill out the registration paperwork as well as provide their student's sacramental records. You can request the new baptismal certificate with sacramental notes from the Church of your student's baptism. It must be dated within six months of the Confirmation date. They can be turned in at St. Bridget Parish Office or you can have the parish of baptism mail it directly to St. Bridget Catholic Church at 600 Clifford Ave., Loves Park, IL 61111.

Mandatory Parent meeting: Monday, October 1 at 6:00 pm in Mitchell Hall. The meeting will last 30 minutes. One parent or guardian must attend.

Confirmation Sponsor: Students will be asked to prayerfully choose a confirmation sponsor; someone who is a good role model of the Catholic faith and who can pray and walk with them as they continue to mature in the faith.

Formation Nights: We expect students to come to formation nights the First Wednesday of the month from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm:

- October 3
- November 7
- December 5
- February 6
- March 6
- April 3

Middle School Ministry Nights: We also ask students to attend 7 of our Middle School Ministry Nights. MSM nights are on the second, third, & fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Students can attend any 7 nights they choose from October through April.

This piece will bring them into the community of the Church where they can build healthy friendships, and provide additional formation.

2-Day Confirmation Retreat: We ask students to attend the retreat at St. Bridget on Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, March 3, 2019. It is not an overnight retreat. Students will come home at night. More details to come.

Q. HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

A. The Confirmation fee is \$140. Checks made payable to St. Bridget Catholic Church.

Q. WHEN IS CONFIRMATION?

A. Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 1:00 pm ~ St. Bridget Catholic Church

Q. WHO DO I CONTACT WITH MORE QUESTIONS?

A. Please email debbrown@StBridgetLovesPark.org