

Confirmation

Confirmation is traditionally received in the 11th grade. Holy Cross Parish policy requires two years of Faith Formation attendance before attending actual Confirmation prep sessions.

Students and their families are expected to attend Masses on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligations as well as receive the sacrament of Reconciliation several times during the year.

First Year Prerequisite

- Student is expected to attend all Faith Formation sessions. This year's text is "Visions" of the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies Program.
- Parents attend Parent Meeting at the start of the year. See schedule.
- Student is expected to recite ALL prayers listed on the 9th grade list before starting second year. Call or email PCL to setup an appointment: 979-335-4071 holycross.pcl@hotmail.com
- Student is expected to complete his/her Service Hours (Church 10 hrs. and Community 10 hrs.). The record of Service Hours must be completed and turned in at the first class of the second year.

Second Year Prerequisite

- Student is expected to attend all Faith Formation sessions. This year's text is "Theology of the Body".
- Student is expected to attend at least one *Spiritual Retreat* such as ACTS Retreat, Diocesan Confirmation Retreat, NET Retreats in Victoria Diocese, Region X or NCYC or Rocky Mountain High Retreat, Diocesan Youth Spectacular, and Other events with PCL's approval.
- Turn in Confirmation Sponsor Form signed by candidate and sponsor before the last Wednesday in January. The Sponsor must fulfill the following requirements:
 1. Must be sixteen years of age or older
 2. Must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation
 3. Must be a Catholic, currently practicing the Catholic Faith
 4. First Sponsor/Candidate meeting set for February of second year.

- Attend Candidate/ Sponsor Meeting in February. See schedule.
- Submit your Confirmation name at the Candidate/Sponsor Meeting in February. You may choose a Saint's name or your Baptismal name.
- Turn in monthly Candidate/Sponsor Faith Sharing Sheet before the last Wednesday of each month. (March-July)
- Submit the "Prayer Check List" signed by your sponsor found in the Faith Sharing packet.
- Submit your Saint Report at the first class of third year.

Third Year Sacrament Preparation

- Candidate is expected to attend all sacrament preparation sessions. This year's text "Decision Point" focuses on the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Attend Candidate/Parent Meeting at the start of the year. See schedule.
- Student and his/her parents are expected to attend the Confirmation Enrollment Ceremony during the 11 a.m. Mass in September. See schedule.
- Candidate is expected to attend at least one *Spiritual Retreat* such as ACTS Retreat, Diocesan Confirmation Retreat, NET Retreats in Victoria Diocese, Region X or NCYC or Rocky Mountain High Retreat, Diocesan Youth Spectacular, and Other events with PCL's approval.
- Attend Candidate/Sponsor Meeting in January. See schedule.
- Turn in Candidate's "Letter to the Bishop" at the Candidate/Sponsor Meeting in January.
- Candidate is expected to participate in setting up of the parish Lenten crosses on a designated day before Lent.
- Candidate and his/her parents are expected to attend the Confirmation Candle Light Ceremony during the 11 a.m. Mass on a Sunday before Confirmation. See schedule.

- Confirmation will be celebrated in March or April. See schedule.
- Confirmation is the springboard to living your Catholic faith. With the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics are encouraged to deepen their prayer life, to continue learning more about their faith and to strive to serve others.
- The above expectations are to benefit the candidate's confirmation preparation experience. If not met, the candidate will have the opportunity to start sacrament prep classes the following year. [Church guidelines do not state that a teen must be confirmed in the 11th grade.]