



Baptism Information (needed even if baptized at St. Gabriel)

(Due Friday, May 14, 2021)

Candidates **Full Legal Name** _____
(at time of Baptism or RCIA)

Baptism Information (Needed even if your son/daughter was baptized at St. Gabriel)

Birth Date _____ Date of Baptism (approx if unknown) _____
Month / Day / Year Month / Day / Year

Father's Full / Legal Name _____
(at time of baptism or RCIA)

Mother's Full / Legal Name _____
(at time of baptism or RCIA)

Mother's Maiden Name _____
(at time of baptism or RCIA)

Church of Baptism or RCIA

Name of Church of Baptism or RCIA Phone # (not needed if St. Gabriel)

Street Address of Church of Baptism or RICA (Not needed if St. Gabriel)

City (Not needed if St. Gabriel) State Zip

Attention Church of Baptism

Please mail certificate to:

Confirmation
St. Gabriel the Archangel
5505 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40291

Confirmation 2021 – 2022

Candidate Guide



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Congratulations!

You are preparing to complete your Sacraments of Initiation. These are Baptism, Confirmation and Communion. Parents often choose to have their child baptized because they want him/her to be a member of God's family as soon as possible. You celebrated your 1st Communion so you could fully participate during the Eucharistic Liturgy, Mass.

Now you are exploring what it means to be a fully initiated Christian in the Catholic Church. Along with your classmates, your sponsor, and your family you will grow in your relationship with God. This experience will support you as you better understand your faith and Jesus asks of you.

Welcome to an exciting journey!

Your PREP and School Confirmation Team

Kathy Abell, Amanda Brown,
Spencer Brown, Ed Campbell,
Chris Huelmsman, Martha Tribbey

Choosing Your Sponsor (Sponsor info due Sun/Mon Sept. 12 & 13, 2021)

Personal Qualities

- Think of the people in your life. Who do you trust? Who do you enjoy? Whose faith do you admire? Whose life is lived with integrity? Who lives their Catholic faith in ways obvious to you?
- Of these people, who do you feel comfortable asking him/her to share personal information about their faith story? This includes their prayer life, how they connect with God during good times and difficulties. Who do you trust to pray regularly for you?
- Of these people, with whom are you willing to share your faith journey? Ask them how to seek God's help and how to celebrate the ups of life with God?

Sponsor's Geographical Location

- Does your prospective sponsor live near you? Fabulous! Make sure you give him/her their booklet!
- Does your prospective sponsor live in another town or state or even country? That's ok! **However**, both of you need to plan how you will communicate regularly. Plan at least a bi-monthly check-in time and decide the best way, i.e., phone, zoom, skype, etc.
- Ensure s/he has the *Sponsor Guide* booklet by surface mail or downloaded.
- Day with Sponsor details are TBD. This will be in the late fall. If your sponsor is unable to participate, let your religion teacher know. You will need a proxy (meaning a substitute with whom you are comfortable.)

Date, Time, Location	Event	Details
Sun/Mon Feb 6 & 7, 2022	Confirmation Name Due	School candidates to Mrs. Tribbey PREP candidates to Mr. Ed
Sun/Mon Feb 6 & 7, 2022	Mass & Prayer Reflections Due	School candidates to Mrs. Tribbey /PREP candidates to Mr. Ed
Sun/Mon Feb 13 & 14, 2022	Service Reflections Due	School candidates to Mrs. Tribbey /PREP candidates to Mr. Ed
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A Thursday in March	Confirmation! :) 	Details of Family Participation, Pictures, etc. TBD (Pray covid is over!)

Confirmation Preparation Schedule

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School: Week of May 2 Religion Class // PREP join parent	Student Overview of Confirmation Folder	Candidates, make sure you give the folder to your parents before they attend their meeting
Mon, Tues, Wed, May 10, 11, 12, 2021 7:00 pm, Zoom	Parent Meeting Overview of 21-22 Confirmation	Same info each night. School M-7B; T-7Co, W7Ce Please have your child's confirmation folder with you for this meeting.
On or before Fri, May 14, 2021 religion class or Overnight box	Registration Form & Baptism Form Due	Complete both forms & return Print legibly!
Sun/Mon, Sept 12 & 13, 2021	Sponsor info Due	Printed legibly!
TBD – Sometime in the late fall	Day with Sponsor	Details TBD
Sat, Sept 25, 2021 Mt. St. Francis, IN	Confirmation Retreat	Bus leaves St. Gabriel @ 8am Retreat ends approx. 3pm Bus returns to St. Gabriel approx. 4pm
Day & Time TBD	Group Service Projects 2-3 Coordinated by St. Gabriel	Opportunities will be on first come, first serve basis. Numbers will be limited.

- If your sponsor is unable to be at St. Gabriel Confirmation, let us know who you wish to be the proxy (church word for substitute).

Sponsor Form (due Sun/Mon, Sept 12 & 13, 2021)

- Use the form titled *Confirmation Sponsor Information*. This can be found in your packet or downloaded.
- Legibly print the information
- Turn in to your religion teacher on September 12 if you are in PREP or September 13 if you are in school.



Confirmation Retreat

When:

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Where:

Mount St. Francis Center for Spirituality
101 St. Anthony Drive
Mt. St. Francis, IN



How:

Bus leaves St. Gabriel at 8:00 am
Bus returns to St. Gabriel approx. 4:00 pm

Why:

Time for you and God

Assess your relationship
Nurture that relationship

Officially begin your confirmation preparation

Have fun! (Yes, retreats include fun as well as presentations, discussions, and sharing.)

Parish (Contact the parish office to coordinate your efforts with the person responsible. Don't just show up!)

- Fish-fry &/or Parish festival
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Sunday PREP classes
- First communion workshop
- Craft-fair
- Bingo
- Serve or Lecture during Sunday Mass
- Have another idea? Ask someone!



Community (Prior coordination is required. Do not just show up! Also, an adult is required with any student.)

- Fern Creek Highview Ministries (502.762.9608)
- Catholic Charities (502.636.9603)
- Sister Visitor Center (502.776.0155)
- Cathedral Soup Kitchen (502.584.2480)
- St. Vincent dePaul (502.584.2480)
- Dare to Care (502.966.3821)

Service Reflections (Due Sun/Mon, Feb 12 & 13, 2022)

- Use the *Prayer Reflection* form and a *Mass Reflection* form for each Mass experience. These are found in your folder or can be downloaded.
- Fill in your thoughts. Consider: This is easier if done right after you participate in the experience.
- Return to your religion teacher on September 12 if you are in PREP or September 13 if you are in school.

Service Experience Expectations (3) (Reflections Due Sun/Mon, Feb 13 & 14, 2022)

Expectations

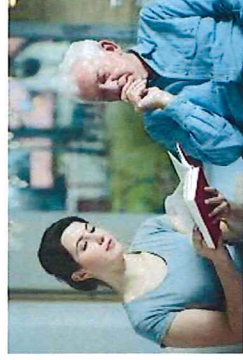
- A total of three projects.
- If desired, one service project can be for your family. If you choose this, the other two need to be for the parish or community.
- If work is done for an organization more than once, it may be counted twice. Ex: If you serve on two different days during St. Gabriel's festival may be counted twice. However, your other service projects need to be for another event/person.
- If you have another idea go for it!

St. Gabriel Group Projects

- Two or three will be scheduled throughout the year on a first come, first served basis.
- Participants will be limited for each project.

Family or Neighbors

- Yard work, painting, cleaning a garage.
- Visiting a shut-in i.e., making a gift package and delivering it, &/or reading to an older person.
- Tutoring a child in schoolwork.
- Tutoring an adult in computer software.



Prayer Experience Expectations (4) (Reflections due Sun/Mon, Feb 6 & 7, 2022)

Expectations

- Three Mass reflections.
- One prayer experience reflection.

Mass aka Eucharistic Liturgy (3)

- Participate in and reflect upon 3 Masses. This does not include school Mass.



- These can be any combination i.e.,

Saturday/Sunday /Daily Mass, funeral and/or wedding Mass, holy day Mass.

Note: A wedding that is not a Mass does not count.

- These may be at St. Gabriel or any other Catholic Church.
- Reflection Form
 - Use the three forms found in your folder or download a form.
 - Fill in and return to your religion teacher by **February 13 & 14, 2022**

Prayer Experience (1)

- Participate in one prayer experience that is not Mass.
- This may include any of the following: Stations



(celebrated in school or with the parish), an hour of adoration in front of the blessed sacrament, praying the rosary with another person, reading a scripture passage and contemplating God's personal message to you, praying with an elderly person with whatever prayer form s/he prefers.

Note: You may have another idea. Go for it!



Prayer Reflections (due Sun/Mon, Feb 13 or 14)

- Use the three *Mass Reflection* and one *Prayer Reflection* forms found in your folder or download them.
- Fill in your thoughts.
- Return to your religion teacher on September 12 if you are in PREP or September 13 if you are in school.

Choosing Your Confirmation Name (Form due Sun/Mon, Feb 6 & 7, 2022)

Two Choices

1. Choose your baptismal name. This choice connects Confirmation with Baptism. It is a way for you to own the Catholic Christian identity that your parents gifted you when they choose to have you baptized.
2. Choose a saint name. This choice indicates your new step in faith that you have chosen to make.
Ideas to consider if you want a saint's name:
 - Think of your interests and choose a saint that is the patron of that area. Ex: If you enjoy music, you may want to choose St. Cecilia. If you know you wish to become a teacher, you might choose St. John Bosco.
 - Think of a habit you wish to develop and choose a saint known for that. Ex: If you want to grow in or become known for patience, you might consider St. Monica.

Keep in mind:

You do not have to choose a saint that is the same gender as you are. "Marleen" might be interested in working with the poor or becoming a cook so she may decide St. Laurence is a good name for her.





My Confirmation Name (Please Print!)

(Due Mon/Tues, Feb 6 or 7, 2022)

My Legal Birth Name _____

Your parents named you at birth and baptism. Now you choose your confirmation name. Read the choice information. Then, make your choice, fill out this form and return it.

Choice A: Chose your baptismal name. Confirmation completes and perfects baptism. Choosing your baptismal name as your confirmation name as a way to further connect you to your baptism. The use of your baptismal name is a way for you to begin “owning” the Catholic Christian identity that your parents created for you at your baptism.

Note: If you choose to use your baptismal name, you are also encouraged to choose a patron saint to support you throughout your life. S/He is someone on whom you can rely for spiritual assistance and intercession.

Choice B: Choose a saint name. This person should be someone who you will rely for spiritual assistance and intercession.

Check the appropriate box:

(Remember, the decision is yours and neither option is better than the other.)

☐

I choose to be confirmed with my baptismal name

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I choose to be confirmed with a newly chosen saint's name

_____ is my chosen Confirmation Name

Please, please, please PRINT!

2021 May

To: Confirmation Candidates and Parents of Confirmation Candidates

Fr: Confirmation Team (Kathy Abell, Amanda Brown, Spencer Brown, Ed Campbell, Mary Jane Choi, Chris Huelsman, Martha Tribbey

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CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INFORMATION

(Due Sunday or Monday, September 12 or 13, 2021)

My name is _____

I have chosen the following person to be my sponsor

S/He is at least 16 years of age, is a baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholic and is not my parent or legal guardian. I am comfortable talking with him/her about my relationship to God and my faith.

Note: If s/he is unable to be present for confirmation, a proxy (substitute) may be used. Do not let distance prevent you from asking the best possible person to be your sponsor. Questions? Ask your religion teacher.

My Sponsor's Contact information (Please Print!)

Email _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Best phone # for him/her is _____

Area code

Phone #

Name:

Circle: Prep or School

Mass Reflection—Due 2/6 or 2/7

What was your favorite part?

What made you think or feel something?

How did God speak to you during the mass?

Date of Mass:

Occasion: (circle one) Weekend Mass Weekday Mass Wedding Funeral

Location:

Name:

Circle: Prep or School

What form did your prayer take?

Did you pray by yourself or with another? How did that make you feel?

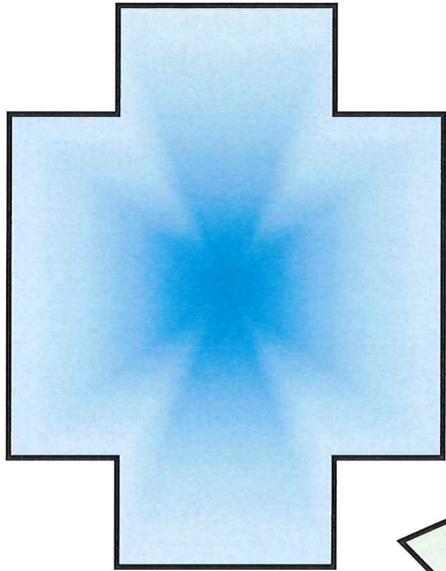
What message did you receive during this prayer time?

Name: Circle: Prep or School

Date of Service:

Type of Service:

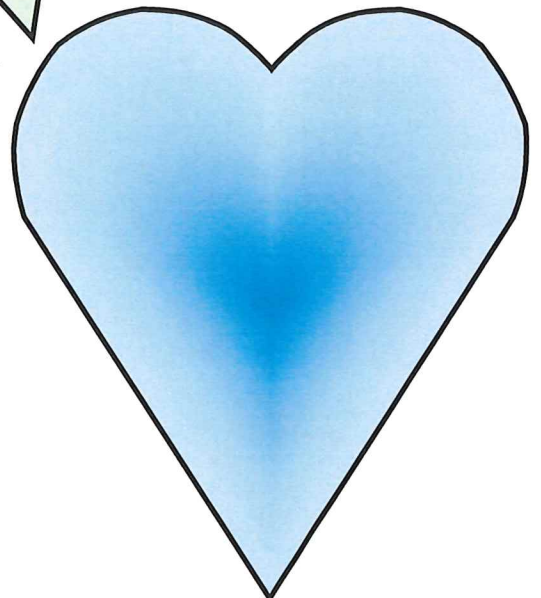
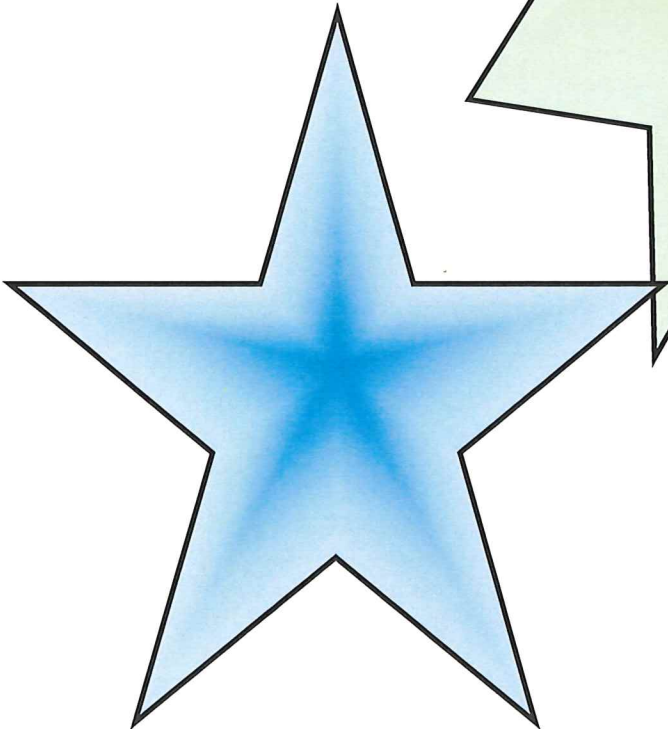
For whom was this Service performed:



How did you feel about
doing this service?

What was the most challenging
as you served?

What was most enjoyable
about the service?





Confirmation Registration

(Due on or before Friday, May 14, 2021)

Candidates, this is an exciting time for you, your sponsor and your family. Take a moment to review the following expectations. When comfortable with them sign below and return form.

- 1) Enter the journey with a willing and open mind
- 2) Commit to consistent personal prayer throughout the journey
- 3) Attend class regularly
- 4) Participate in the confirmation retreat
- 5) Engage in service experiences
- 6) Maintain an open and honest relationship with one's sponsor

I, with the support of my family and my sponsor, commit to complete my sacramental initiation by preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I accept the responsibility to learn more about my faith, to serve others willingly, to reflect on my relationship with God, to learn the Holy Spirit, and to become a witness to the gospel values and moral teachings of the Catholic Church.

Candidate's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information (Please PRINT!)

Mother's Name: _____

Home Address: _____
Street City Zip

Best Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Father's Name: _____

If different than above:

Home Address: _____
Street City Zip

Best Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____

Email Address: _____