

**CALENDAR 2020-2021
8th grade Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor Sessions**

All Confirmation session dates with Father Jim are listed below.

These dates are on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8 PM; in the church proper
and/or in the lower level Social Hall of Church.

Please note there will also be monthly sessions, from “Anointed in the Spirit” candidate handbook and other online resources emailed to (parents and) sponsors to discuss with their Candidate.

There is a follow-up accountability online Google form for the candidates to submit.

<i>Session Date</i>	<i>Who attends the session?</i>	<i>Session Topic</i>
October 4 In-house session 6:30pm	Sponsors & Candidates. Parents are always welcome to attend all three sessions	Opening Prayer Service with Father Jim, introduction to the program, Q&A
October Candidate: homework to discuss with sponsor. Plus online google accountability form submitted	Candidates	Anointed in the Spirit handbook: Chapter 1: Being a Candidate
October Sponsor: online session to view and discuss/share with Candidate. Discuss and/or share? You decide how to maneuver this option for all of the sessions!	Candidates & Sponsors	CHOSEN: “What Happens at Confirmation”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OrCUEmCfi8 Busted Halo: Sacraments 101, “Why We are Confirmed”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qt32SyDWuW8 Bishop Barron “On Confirmation Names”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7bjqldlHl4
November Candidate: homework to discuss with sponsor, Plus online google accountability form submitted	Candidates	Anointed in the Spirit handbook: Chapter 2: Baptism: Waters of New Life Appendix C, Patron Saints and Their Causes



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November Sponsor: online session to view and discuss/share with Candidate	Candidates & Sponsors	Bishop Barron on “The Sacrament of Baptism”: https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/video/the-sacrament-of-baptism/276/ Pope Francis on “The Meaning of Baptism”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9-bc1RfjsA Barron on “The Canonization of St. John Henry Newman”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KjFm3agm6ek Father Mike Schmitz, “All Saints Day Pep Talk”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mad1Jgf0jow
December Candidate: Homework to discuss with sponsor, Plus online google accountability form submitted	Candidates	Anointed in the Spirit handbook: Chapter 3: Renewing Baptismal Promises
December Sponsor: online session to view and discuss/share with Candidate	Candidates & Sponsors	Bishop Barron on “The Sacrament of Confirmation”(The five Promises of Baptism) : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-UuMAU7qT0 Father Cliff Hennings, OFM on “Why Do We Renew Baptismal Promises?”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nn040_uDno Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NF2xD8QHxFA
January 10, 2021 In-house session	Parents, Sponsors & Candidates	Father Jim’s “Questions of Faith” session
January Candidate homework to discuss with Sponsor. Plus online google accountability form submitted	Candidates	Anointed in the Spirit handbook: Chapter 4, The Laying on of Hands

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January Sponsor online session to view and discuss /share with Candidate	Candidates & Sponsors	Pope Francis, "Explains significance of laying on of hands and sacred chrism in confirmation": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ziZbILDqSgY Sophia Sketchpad: "Confirmation", https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lu3MoT_egFI Bishop Barron, "Mother Teresa and her Sisters": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5xkIWUT3CM
February Candidate homework to discuss with Sponsor. Plus online google accountability form submitted	Candidates	Anointed in the Spirit handbook: Chapter 5, The Gifts of the Holy Spirit "Joyfully Gifted", Spiritual Gifts Discernment Tool (copy is in your manila envelope from 10/4 opening session)
February Sponsor online session to view and discuss/share with Candidate	Candidates & Sponsors	Bishop Barron on "The Holy Spirit": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1INut0Gi09Q&t=205s "Joyfully Gifted", Spiritual Gifts Discernment Tool (copy is in your manila envelope from 10/4 opening session) Bishop Barron on "Saint Paul and the Mission of the Church": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MBW1SBQuA8
March 7 In-house session	Sponsors & Candidates	Guest speaker: Newly ordained or Seminarian to speak to "being a witness and the cost of it all"
March Candidate homework to discuss with Sponsor. Plus online google accountability form submitted	Candidates	Anointed in the Spirit handbook: Chapter 6, Being Anointed by the Holy Spirit
March Sponsor online session to view and discuss/share with Candidate	Candidates & Sponsors	Barron on "Confirmation & Evangelization": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ynj_nOxC-1Y Holy Oils 101 with Deacon Scott: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Std5Jj210Nc Barron on Saints Patrick & Joseph: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R33HsPk1lfo

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April Candidate homework to discuss with Sponsor. Plus online google accountability form submitted	Candidates	Anointed in the Spirit handbook: Chapter 7, The Eucharist, The Heart of the Church's Life
April Sponsor online session to view/discuss with Candidate	Candidates & Sponsors	Barron on "The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzCPu_1Ehe8 Dynamic Catholic, "The True Presence": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iRnBj1-B0 Father Barron, Saint Therese of Lisieux: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urE-3JUEdEU
May Candidate homework to discuss with Sponsor. Plus online google accountability form submitted	Candidates	Anointed in the Spirit handbook: Chapter 8, Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation
May Sponsor online session	Candidates & Sponsors	Father Barron on "Pentecost": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YaE8NbDRdQs Barron on "St. Pier Giorgio Frassati": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceOn2UZl3wQ
June Candidate homework to discuss with Sponsor. Plus online google accountability form submitted		Anointed in the Spirit handbook: Appendix A, Catholic Prayers Appendix B, Catholic Beliefs and Practices
June Candidate and Sponsor session to view and discuss/share with Candidate	Candidates & Sponsors	Barron on "Having a Personal Relationship with Jesus": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2KZDQsxF4 "Prayer": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aR6J1pPiRQo "How to Read the Bible": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ha5flTRTZWY "The Mass": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjGXtDR2Gck

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<i>Session Date</i>	<i>Who attends the session?</i>	<i>Session Topic</i>
Confirmation Retreat Day , TBD, but we are aiming for Friday, May 21, at Saint Thomas Church, after school from 3:30-9:30pm.	Candidates at Retreat	Confirmation Retreat evening
Confirmation Mass: Sunday May 23 @ 3pm, with Father Jim, at Saint Thomas Church	Parents, immediate family, candidates, and Sponsor	Confirmation Sacrament Mass

Please note that the sponsor relationship with the candidate is a life-long friendship, through the good, bad, and ugly that gets thrown at us, through all the grace and the blessings that God offers us daily, and through the thick & thin of high school and college life! Thank you for being a witness to charity and helping our Candidates live the Gospel message through these acts of charity. Thank you for sharing your life and your faith life; you are pray-ers, mentors, companions and guides. Father Jim and I appreciate you very much!

A Prayer for Confirmation Sponsors

Dear Lord, I praise and thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit and for this opportunity to share another's journey of faith. Grant me that gift of Wisdom to be an effective companion, mentor and guide on our shared journey. Help me to be a good Christian witness and to openly explore with my Candidate what being a Christian entails. May my words and actions be an invitation to embrace Christian discipleship. Help me to be prayerful. Let my prayer life be visible and open for my Candidate to see. Help me to be open and attentive to the needs of my Candidate. Give me guidance to know when to slow down, encourage or just be present. Give me the courage to lovingly challenge when needed to that my Candidate will learn to better integrate faith and life. Help me to walk beside my Candidate, both listening and sharing experiences along the way. Open our eyes to see that Confirmation is both an event and, more importantly, part of a lifelong process of reflecting upon your presence and how we respond to your call. Help me continue to be a part of my Candidate's personal and spiritual growth throughout life. May this shared journey strengthen and renew not only my Candidate's commitment to you but also my own. May it bring us closer to you and to the community of believers with whom we share this walk of faith. Amen.

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