

St. Aloysius Catholic Church Confirmation 2020: Frequently Asked Questions

When are teens Confirmed?

At St. Aloysius we confirm teens in the fall of their junior year of high school. Registration opens in April, the program begins in August, and the sacrament is held in November. **We have scheduled two Confirmation dates with Bishop Duca (November 10 & 11) so we can follow appropriate social distancing protocols. Families will be notified of their assigned Mass via email in early August.**

What are the requirements for my teen to be Confirmed?

Teens should be active, practicing Catholics, from registered families at St. Aloysius Church. They must have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist. They must be current in their religious education, either through a Catholic school or a Parish School of Religion program. Lastly, they must participate fully in our confirmation program.

What if my teen isn't a parishioner but wants to be Confirmed at St. Aloysius?

Please contact our Youth Minister. Written permission from your pastor will be needed for your teen to participate in our program and receive the sacrament at St. Aloysius.

How can I register my teen for Confirmation?

Please visit <https://www.aloysius.org/confirmation> to register. Please see the subsequent three questions about the supporting documents for your teen's registration.

What does the program cost?

There is a \$50 registration fee to cover administrative costs. Please mail or hand-deliver a check to the Pastoral Services Center. If that fee is difficult for your family please contact Fr. Randy directly; he is happy to help, and nobody else needs to know.

Do I need to turn in a copy of my teen's baptismal certificate?

Only if they were baptized someplace OTHER than St. Aloysius. If you cannot find the certificate please call the parish where your teen was baptized and ask them to send you a new certificate. Do not let them mail it to St. Aloysius; if they mail it to you then you know that it's done. You may mail, email, or hand-deliver a copy to the St. Aloysius Church Pastoral Services Center.

How does the sponsor complete their sponsor form?

Every sponsor must complete a form; find it here: <https://www.aloysius.org/confirmation>. If the sponsor is NOT a parishioner at St. Aloysius their pastor must sign and seal the form. If the sponsor belongs to St. Aloysius they may submit it without Fr. Randy's signature and the parish seal; we will do that. Please mail or hand-deliver it to the St. Aloysius Church Pastoral Services Center.

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How do I stay current with news and reminders about Confirmation?

We send periodic email updates; you can subscribe at www.tinyurl.com/AloysiusEmail. We will also share important updates via the parish bulletin and on our Confirmation website: <https://www.aloysius.org/confirmation>.

Are there any changes to the Confirmation 2020 program because of COVID-19?

Because of concerns about the coronavirus we are unable to host any on-campus events, save for Confirmation Mass. Our program will be entirely virtual this year.

Will the teens continue to meet in small groups at people's homes?

No; all small group meetings will be virtual. Leaders will contact their small groups with details on what platform they will use to meet and how to pick up their workbooks.

What if my teen misses an event?

We will provide make-up material for them to complete before the next event. Please contact our Youth Minister in advance if you know your teen will miss an event; we can send them the make-up material early.

What are the requirements to be a sponsor?

Sponsors cannot be the teen's parent or step-parent. Sponsors must be sixteen or older, Confirmed, living a lifestyle that gives witness to the teachings of Jesus, and attending Catholic Mass and receiving Holy Communion weekly. They must be a member of a registered, active, contributing household/family of a Catholic parish. If currently married, they must have been married by a Catholic priest or deacon, had their marriage "blessed" in the Catholic Church, or be working with a Catholic priest or deacon to have the marriage "blessed."

What events does a sponsor attend?

The only in-person event is the Sacrament of Confirmation. The sponsor may recruit a stand-in if they have a conflict.

What is the dress code for Confirmation Mass?

Gentlemen should wear a dress suit with tie or coat and tie plus dress shoes. Ladies should wear a dress, pantsuit, or skirt and blouse plus dress shoes. Bring a wrap or sweater if you choose to wear spaghetti-strap. Dresses or skirts should be on or close to the knee line. Teens and sponsors alike should follow this dress code.

Are there restrictions in place for Confirmation Mass?

Owing to socially-distanced capacity limitations of our church, logistic complexities with assuring sanitized conditions, and diocesan-wide rules which are applicable to any public Mass, attendance will be limited to the candidate, his/her sponsor, and two parents. Masks will be required.

Will both Confirmation Masses be live-streamed?

Yes! We will share how to view the live-stream a day or two before the event.