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2025 Confirmation Program Frequently Asked Questions

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Who is invited to participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation this fall?

Students who will be juniors this fall are invited to participate. Students who will be seniors this fall and did not Confirm last year are also invited.

We would also like to invite students who will be freshmen and sophomores **who are not attending a Catholic school this fall**. These students will have their own small groups.

The celebration of Confirmation will take place on October 28, 2025.

Does my teen attend Parish School of Religion (PSR) after Confirmation?

No; they will be invited to participate in youth group, bible studies, and other opportunities to grow their faith (none of which are mandatory).

What if my teen does not Confirm this fall?

They can always participate later, but they will be expected to continue their religious education through a Catholic school or via in-home formation which we provide.

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 is not a parishioner but wants to be Confirmed at St. Aloysius?

It is appropriate for candidates to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at their home parish. While St. Aloysius has allowed guests in our Confirmation program previously, Bishop Duca's decision to change the reception of Confirmation to the 7th grade has dramatically changed our program. Because of this we are not accepting guests for the foreseeable future.

If you have questions, please email MacDougall: mwomack@staloyusparish.com



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How can I register my teen for Confirmation?

There will be a link on our Confirmation website. The deadline to submit the online registration form is June 30th.

What does the program cost?

There is a \$60 registration fee, due by June 30th.

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

Yes, if they were baptized outside of St. Aloysius. You may mail it to the Pastoral Services Center or email us a scan or photograph. If you email us a scan or photograph it needs to be easily readable when printed on a standard 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper.

If you cannot find their certificate, please call the parish where your teen was baptized and ask them to send you a new certificate. Ask them to mail it to you. It's even better if they can scan and email the certificate to you before mailing it.

Who completes the sponsor form?

Each sponsor must complete a form; you can find it on our Confirmation website. It is due on July 31st.

If the sponsor is NOT a parishioner of St. Aloysius their pastor must sign and seal the form. If the sponsor belongs to St. Aloysius they may submit it without Fr. Michael's signature and the parish seal; we will do that. Please mail it to the Pastoral Services Center.

What are the requirements to be a sponsor?

Please see the sponsor form on our Confirmation website for a complete list of requirements.

What events does a sponsor attend?

Sponsors attend orientation, retreat/rehearsal, and the Confirmation Mass. They do not attend small group meetings. The sponsor may recruit a stand-in if they have a conflict.



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Do sponsors have to be local?

No. If sponsors are unable to attend when we need them to be present then they may recruit a stand-in. Parents, please ensure the stand-in is appropriate; during orientation and closing service the candidate will meet with their sponsor one-on-one.

What is the schedule for the Confirmation program?

At this time, we do not have a schedule to share; we are considering several options and will contact you as soon as the schedule is set.

This year all our Confirmation events, including the small group meetings, will take place on campus.

How can parents help?

Our biggest need is for people to volunteer as small group leaders! The small groups are the teens' favorite part of the program. Each group has two leaders and six to eight teens. We work very hard to make this a good experience for our volunteers. Contact MacDougall to volunteer: mwomack@staloyusparish.com

Do small group leaders have to volunteer with their spouse?

No; you can volunteer with another parent, including someone who does not have a candidate going through Confirmation this year. Or you can ask us to pair you with another volunteer.

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

We will send updates via email using the addresses you submit during registration. We will post the most recent email on our Confirmation website.

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 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



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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.

[Will Confirmation Mass be live-streamed?](#)

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