



# ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 2024 Confirmation Program Frequently Asked Questions

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### When are teens confirmed?

At St. Aloysius we confirm teens in the fall of their junior year of high school. Registration opens in the spring, the program begins in August, and the sacrament is in October. We are celebrating the sacrament with Bishop Duca on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Did the date for Confirmation change?

Yes, the date for Confirmation changed to October 29<sup>th</sup>. We are only hosting one Mass for the sacrament. This also necessitated a change to our closing service and rehearsal; that is now on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

### 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?

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.

Please be aware that we need at least one parent from each non-parishioner candidate to serve as a small group leader throughout our program.

### How can I register my teen for Confirmation?

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

### What does the program cost?

There is a \$55 registration fee to cover administrative costs.



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### 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 when 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 the sponsor form?

Every sponsor must complete a form; you can find it on our Confirmation website. It is due on July 31, 2024. 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. Michael's signature and the parish seal; we will do that. Please mail or deliver it to the Pastoral Services Center.

### 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](mailto: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:

<https://www.aloyus.org/confirmation>.

### Are there any changes to the Confirmation 2024 program because of COVID?

No, we expect to host both large group events at St. Aloysius and small groups at leaders' homes. We will notify families if this changes.



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### 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?

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

### What events does a sponsor attend?

Sponsors attend orientation, closing service, and the Confirmation Mass. They do not attend home sessions. The sponsor may recruit a stand-in if they have a conflict.

### 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 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?

We do not expect any restrictions. If we need to make changes then we will notify families in advance of Confirmation Mass.

### Will Confirmation Mass be live-streamed?

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