



November 19, 2020

## St. Stephen Parish Confirmation Program

Please review the following pages and note due dates.

More information is to come, including new dates for special events, such as Candidate and Sponsor activities.

Make sure you fill out the [online registration form](#) for the Confirmation program.

Submit the Confirmation Candidate's certificates for Baptism and First Communion. Submit the originals and we will make a photocopy then return the originals to you. If the student was Baptized and/or received their First Communion at St. Stephen Church just let the Faith Formation Office know, since we can verify those Sacraments in our official register books. [FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org](mailto:FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org)

### Important Dates:

- **December 2, 2020** – application due via [Google Form](#)
- **January 4, 2021** – Sponsor Declaration Form due.
- **January 25, 2021** – Confirmation name choice due (“The Choosing of a Christian Name” form).
- **February 16, 2021** – Saint Report due.

We are waiting for the Archbishop's office to contact us with our Confirmation date. We expect it to take place in the Easter season, late April or early May (Easter is April 4).

Starting Sunday, November 22, 2020, the students should turn in a Homily reflection sheet after attending Mass (either in person or virtually through our live-stream). The final page of this packet contains the form to be used. Students may use a paper form that is deposited in the box in the altar servers' room near the Sacristy, or email their summary to Fr. Tony [fathertony@saintstephensf.org](mailto:fathertony@saintstephensf.org)

Contact your teacher or Fr. Tony with any questions.

# The Choosing of a Christian Name

Many people choose an additional saint's name at Confirmation. The preferred name, however, is the baptismal name because it expresses the relationship that exists between Baptism and Confirmation.

If a new name is taken, however, it should be the name of a recognized saint of the Catholic Church. If the baptismal name is not that of a recognized saint, a new name should be chosen for Confirmation.

Names of saints are chosen to serve as patrons and models for those being confirmed. Candidates should choose a patron saint's name, not because of the attractiveness of the name, but because of the attractiveness of the Christian life that that person led.

Find out more about your patron saint's life. Choose either your Baptismal or Confirmation patron.

Saint's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Feast Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Name or derivative you have selected to use  
to honor this special patron: \_\_\_\_\_

Saint's place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Find out something about this saint's:

• Family: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

• Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

• Life and /or death: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What virtues did this saint practice in his/her life? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What aspect of this person's Christian life attracted you? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How is this saint a model for Christians today? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Ask your parents or whoever named you how they picked the name you received at birth? Your baptismal name? Then write (on back) a brief story about what you found out.

Candidate's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

[This worksheet is due January 25, 2021](#)

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## Saint Report Worksheet

Directions: This is a worksheet, used to guide you through your report. This sheet does not need to be handed in. If you answer the questions below, in sentence/paragraph form, you will end up with a very detailed and factual report on the saint you have selected, which you will turn in.

**The completed report is due: February 16, 2021 (Tuesday)**

Your report should include the following information:

**Paragraph 1: (one paragraph)**

- The name of the saint you have chosen.
- What Confirmation name did you choose, if different from the saint's name?
- Where was the saint from?
- Feast day and/or birthday of the saint.
- Why did you pick this saint?

**Paragraph 2:**

- Detailed story of saints' life in your *own* words (2 paragraphs)
- What are they known/famous for and why are they a saint?

**Paragraph 3:**

- Evidence of miracles or story from Bible regarding this saint (1 paragraph)

**Paragraph 4:**

- Your reflection/conclusion (2 solid paragraphs)
  - o How do you personally relate or connect to your saint?
  - o How are you inspired by this saint's life to be a stronger adult Catholic after Confirmation and for the years to come?
    - Site specific examples, with details

**Saint Report is due: February 16, 2021**

## Selecting a Sponsor for Confirmation

Dear Confirmation Candidate,

You are about to embark a journey of faith that will culminate with the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the final Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church. To assist you along this journey you are to have a sponsor, much like a baptismal Godparent. Since much is required of the Sponsor, not only as part of the program, but more importantly, as part of your faith development, it is important that you choose the right person to be at your side during this process. That being said, please read on before making your choice for a sponsor.

### How to choose a Sponsor

Spend some time in prayer about your choice of Sponsor. We encourage you to talk over your possible choices with your parents, explaining the reasons of your choice.

### Qualifications of a Sponsor

- It is mandatory that the Sponsor is a person who is a practicing Catholic, who has received the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation).
- The Sponsor needs to be a person other than one's parents, since it is hoped that the Sponsor will be one more source of support for the candidate. *(One of your godparents is a wonderful choice when possible).*
- The Sponsor should be a "friend for the journey" toward confirmation and beyond, someone you feel you can talk with on a personal level.
- The Sponsor should be sufficiently mature to act as a teacher, guide, and friend for you. Someone whose Catholic influence will be positive, strong and continuing. You may choose either a male or female Sponsor.

So that your Sponsor can be actively involved in your journey to Confirmation, **the Sponsor must live in close proximity to you and Saint Stephens.** (The Sponsor will be required to attend various Sunday gatherings, and other sessions dedicated by the program, therefore, living away from the area will not be of sufficient support for the journey).

### Commitment of a Sponsor

Before the Sponsor accepts your invitation to journey with you, make sure they are aware that they are committing themselves to the following:

- Attending the Rite of Commitment and the Rite of Acceptance (During Sunday Masses, see calendar)
- Candidate/Sponsor meetings (see calendar)
- Assisting candidate with service projects
- Spending personal time with candidate (At least twice per month)
- Sharing the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church with the candidate
- Attending Sunday Masses
- The Celebration of Confirmation  
(Attendance is required for active participation)

If you have questions regarding the selection of a Sponsor, please don't hesitate to contact Father Tony or your teacher. **Once you have chosen a Sponsor, please fill out the Declaration of Sponsor form and return it to your teacher.**

*Your Sponsor Declaration Form is due Monday, January 4, 2021*

## **CHOOSING A SPONSOR - WORKSHEET**

This worksheet might be useful to you in choosing a Sponsor; it will not be handed in, it is simply a tool for you to use in discerning an appropriate Sponsor.

Your Sponsor will be a Christian role model and a faith companion as you prepare for Confirmation. These questions can help you choose a sponsor who will help you grow toward Christian adulthood.

### **List a few people you might choose to be a Confirmation Sponsor.**

(Remember that your Sponsor must be at least 18 years old and a practicing Catholic who is not your mother or father, we do not recommend siblings).

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

### **What do I admire about each person I listed?**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

### **Why would each of these people be a good sponsor?**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

### **With which people listed would I feel comfortable discussing my faith journey?**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

If you can, spend some time talking to the person (s) you are considering. You may want to ask questions like these:

- Do you remember your Confirmation and preparation for the Sacrament? (What was it like?)
- Do you find God in your life? How? Where?
- What does the Church mean to you?
- Who is Jesus for you?

After you have completed these questions, pray, reflect, discuss your considerations with your parents or guardians, then make your choice. God will bless you as you search for a Sponsor.

(This worksheet does not get turned in.)

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**Candidate's Declaration of Sponsor**

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  Cell Phone  
 Landline/Home Phone

Sponsor's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's reason for choosing this sponsor:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This form to be completed and returned by: **Monday, January 4, 2021**



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## SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and sign this form. If you are not a registered member of St. Stephen Catholic Church, take this form to your parish to have the bottom of this form signed and sealed by your Pastor. If you are a registered member of St. Stephen Catholic Church, please fill out and return to the parish office to have it approved.

To be permitted to take on the role of a Sponsor, a person must (a) have completed the eighteenth year of age; (b) be a baptized, practicing Catholic who has received Confirmation and First Holy Communion; (c) not be the father or mother of the child.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a registered member of the Roman  
(First Name) (Middle Name/Initial) (Last Name)

Catholic parish of \_\_\_\_\_ have been  
(Name of Church) (City/State)

asked to be a Sponsor for \_\_\_\_\_ as he/she  
(Name of person to be confirmed)

receives the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring of 2021.

As Sponsor, I am accepting the responsibility to be a visible representative of the Catholic Community, the Body of Christ. I will assist the parents in raising this child in the Spirit and teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. I intend to encourage this child in the practice of our Catholic Faith by being a role model in the Catholic way of living through my love, example, support, and prayers.

Please check all that apply:

- I am at least 18 years of age;
- I am a Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;
- I participate in the celebration of Mass regularly on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation;
- I am married, and was married in the Catholic Church of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Church) (City/State)
- I am married, but was not married in the Catholic Church.
- I am not married.

I attest that the information provided above is accurate: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature/Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City/State) (Zip Code) (Phone No. including area code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Email Address)

↓ This portion to be filled out by the Pastor of the Parish in which the Sponsor is registered ↓

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this person is capable of assuming the duties and responsibilities of the role of a Sponsor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Pastor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

{Church Seal}

