

Confirmation Overview

Welcome to the preparation process for the sacrament of Confirmation. We are so excited to be walking along side you as you prepare to receive what is, such an amazing sacrament. Please make sure to bring a notepad and pen to your sessions as well as an open heart. If you have any questions do reach out to Andy Watts at awatts@guardian-angels.org or 651-789-3173.

Confirmation requirements

We are excited to help our young people who are in ninth grade and up in preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Young people preparing must complete the following steps:

- Attend eight monthly sessions (4th Sunday of the Month) Please see dates on the Confirmation schedule.
- Attend Mass either before or after sessions. (4:30pm Vigil, 8:30am or 11am)
- Commit to two check-ins with Andy Watts or Lukas Steffensmeier. Dates to be given later.
- Paperwork – Sponsor Form, Candidate Form, provide Baptism Certificate (updated Certificate or Baptism if not baptized at Guardian Angels)
- Attend Confirmation retreat (Date TBC)

The Confirmation ceremony will be celebrated at the Cathedral in St. Paul in the fall of 2026. Date TBC.

Steps to complete your preparation:

1. **Register** with Andy Watts, details above. Request all forms needed upon contact.
2. **Complete Waiver/Release Form** at https://s3.amazonaws.com/account-media/16450/uploaded/w/0e10984456_1691443280_waiversignatureforms-minors.pdf
3. **Attend all eight monthly sessions**, find dates on the schedule.
4. **Choose a Sponsor and Submit the Sponsor Form.** We ask that you choose a practicing Confirmed Catholic. A godparent from baptism is a great option. Someone who can attend all eight sessions with you. This person can support you in faith throughout the process and be of great influence throughout your life.

5. **Choose your Confirmation name**, this may be the confirmand's baptismal name or another Christian name, such as a saint, blessed, or someone from the Old Testament. It can be someone who has already been influential or someone you find interest in learning more about.
6. **Paperwork – Sponsor Form, Candidate Form, provide Baptism Certificate** (updated Certificate or Baptism if not baptized at Guardian Angels)
Read carefully - If your child was not baptized at Guardian Angels Catholic Church, you must contact the parish priest of the church where he/she was baptized. Please make sure to provide a written letter/email showing the priest is allowing your child to be entering in the confirmation program here at GA as well as being Confirmed at Cathedral of Saint Paul.
7. **Attend weekly Mass**, 4:30pm Saturday Vigil, 8:30am or 11am on Sundays
8. **Attend Confirmation Rite of Sending Mass** (Date TBC)

Please print and return both forms below to: Andy Watts

Guardian Angels Church 8260 4th Street N. Oakdale, MN 55128

awatts@guardian-angels.org

Guardian Angels Church - Confirmation Sponsor Form

(Please Print)

Candidate Information:

Full Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Sponsor Information:

Full Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Candidate, please answer:

What is your relationship with your sponsor? _____

How do you know each other? _____

Why did you choose this person to be your sponsor? _____

Confirmation Candidate Form - Guardian Angels

(Please Print)

Legal Name: _____

Full First Name Middle Last

Chosen Confirmation Name _____

Birth Date _____ **Baptism Date** _____

Month/day/year

Month/day/year

**Church of
Baptism** _____

(Church name, address)

Church, City, State, Zip Code

Mother's Name _____

(First, Middle, Maiden)

Father's Name _____

(First, Last)

Address: _____

Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number _____

Sponsor Information:

Sponsor Name _____

(Full Name, First, Middle, Last)

Address: _____

Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number _____

<u>Theme</u>	<u>Date and time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<p><u>Why?</u> Why are we here? Why bother with Confirmation? Why, Why, Why?</p>	<p>Sunday 2/23 9:45-11am</p>	<p>Youth room</p>
<p><u>Jesus</u> Who is Jesus? What did He do? Is He still working, here and now?</p>	<p>Sunday 3/30 9:45-11am</p>	<p>Youth room</p>
<p><u>Awaken</u> If Jesus says who He says He is, then surely, He can “do it” for me.</p>	<p>Sunday 4/27 9:45-11am</p>	<p>Youth room</p>
<p><u>Repent and believe</u> When we have awakened by the transformative love of God, we ought to live our lives with a contrite heart.</p>	<p>Sunday 5/18 9:45-11am</p>	<p>Youth room</p>
<p><u>Sense of belonging</u> We belong to God, God ‘Wants’ us in communion with Him.</p>	<p>Sunday 9/28 9:45-11am</p>	<p>Youth room</p>
<p><u>Knowing the Holy Spirit</u> Who is The Holy Spirit? What does The HS do? How can I live my life rooted with The HS?</p>	<p>Sunday 10/26 9:45-11am</p>	<p>Youth room</p>
<p><u>Sacraments</u> Why are the sacraments important? What do they do for us? Striving to live our lives in full communion with God is not just a routine to follow</p>	<p>Sunday 11/23 9:45-11am</p>	<p>Youth room</p>
<p><u>Prayer</u> Prayer changes everything, spending time with our Heavenly Father is crucial for our relationship with Him.</p>	<p>Sunday EARLY 12/14 9:45-11am</p>	<p>Youth room</p>

Confirmation retreat: A time to come together before receiving the sacrament of confirmation. Focusing on Discipleship, being a witness for Christ and spending time with The Holy Spirit. We ought to allow The Holy Spirit to move in our lives in the way God the Father intends. Learn how we are to become a living testimony through our own ongoing discipleship, In which serves our community.

Date: TBC

Time: TBC

Location: TBC