

2024-2025 CONFIRMATION



Digital Access

In the event that you misplace this packet, you can view all of the information and access digital copies of the packet, the Stewardship Hours Form, the Sponsor Form, and the Patron Saint Form on our website at www.stpiusxnc.com/confirmation.

Meeting & Due Dates

Session One September 8, 10:00 AM School Cafeteria

Make sure you sign in. ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. You may only miss one session and it must be made up on your time. Missing more than one session can mean you will not be completing the program for confirmation this year. Please reach out if this becomes an issue.

**All sessions below are from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Simmons Parish Center 2nd Floor
You will be provided with a light dinner.**

Session 2 Monday	October 14
Session 3 Monday	November 18 <i>(Baptismal Certificates Due!)</i>
Session 4 Monday	December 16 <i>(Sponsor Forms Due!)</i>
Session 5 Monday	January 13 <i>(Patron Saint Form Due!)</i>
Session 6 Monday	February 10
Session 7 Monday	March 17
Session 8 Monday	April 7 <i>(Stewardship Hours Due!)</i>
Session 9 In May	- TBD

The date of confirmation is set by the office of the Bishop and we will communicate with families as soon as we are assigned a date and time for the celebration.

Spring Retreat

The spring Confirmation retreat will be at St. Pius X the date/time is TBD – but will likely be in February 2025. Each confirmandi will be required to attend one retreat before April 2025. Once the date has been announced, if there is a conflict, please notify the faith formation office immediately. It is the student's responsibility to find a different, local parish retreat to attend.

This is a requirement and must be completed prior to receiving the sacrament.

Baptismal Certificates

You will need to submit a copy of your Baptismal Certificate no later than Sunday, November 18th. You can either email a copy to me at kmanzella@stpiusxnc.com, or bring a copy into class. We do not need the original – just a copy. If you were baptized at St. Pius X Catholic Church, you will still need to email and let me know so that we can look up the sacramental record.

Sponsors

Confirmation Candidates will need a Sponsor for the Rite of Confirmation. The qualifications for a sponsor, as outlined in Canon Law, are as follows:

- Cannot be the parent of the candidate they are sponsoring.
- Must be at least 16 years old.
- Must be a practicing Catholic, in good standing with the Church. *(This means that they are a registered and participating member of a parish, active in their faith, and if they are married, they must be in a valid, Catholic marriage.)*

The Sponsor Form is included at the end of this document. This must be filled out, signed by their pastor, and returned by the due date listed. If their parish is St. Pius X, the form can be returned to me, and I will make sure it gets to our administrative office for approval.

Patron Saints

Confirmation Candidates will need to choose a Patron Saint for the Rite of Confirmation. This can be any Saint, or someone in the process of Canonization (examples: Venerable Fulton Sheen or Blessed Carlo Acutis). The Patron Saint Form must be filled out and returned by the due date listed.

Stewardship Hours

Confirmation Candidates are required to accumulate 40 Stewardship hours over the course of the year. These hours should consist of 30 service hours and 10 spiritual hours. (Some examples of each are listed below.) This year we are using MobileServe. The hours will need to be approved and signed by a volunteer supervisor when they complete the task/time of service. Please not the due date listed.

Examples of Service Hours:

- Volunteer at Parish Events or in Parish Ministries (Senior Event, Live Nativity, Parish Nursery, Italian Festival, etc.) Visit www.stpiusxnc.com/youth-stewardship for more information.
- Volunteer with one of our partner organizations (G.U.M., Room at the Inn, Kisses4Kate, etc.)
- Volunteer working with the elderly or at an animal shelter
- Altar Serve at a regular weekend Mass (maximum 10 hours)

Examples of Spiritual Hours:

- Attend a Daily Mass on Mon, Thurs, Fri (~60 minutes; school Mass does not count)
- Attend Adoration (~30 – 60 minutes)
- Pray the Rosary for a special intention you will need signature verification (~30 minutes)
- Go to Confession (~15 minutes)
- Altar Serve at a Wedding/Funeral (~60 minutes)
- Make and distribute blessing boxes to the homeless or at a senior center
- Attend Stations of the Cross, Rosary, Divine Mercy or other devotion

Confirmation Date

The date of the Confirmation Mass is set by the Diocesan Office of Bishop Martin. Typically, our date at St. Pius is on a **Saturday in May or early June**. However, we cannot make any guarantees, and we will not find out our assigned date until after the first of the year. As soon as we find out what that date is, our first action will be to let you know.

Questions

If you have any questions about the Confirmation program or any of the requirements, please feel free to reach out to me by email or phone.

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Please NOTE:

You are preparing for a sacrament, this is something you must take very seriously and commit to whole heartedly. Each student will need to complete an interview with me prior to confirmation. We all know life happens and sometimes things get in the way. Try to remember this is a priority, but if you have any problems, difficulties or questions, reach out to me. I will do my best to help you.

Remember:

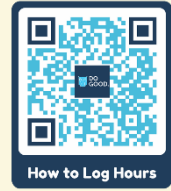
You will need to have all the following completed by the due dates

- Baptismal/ First communion verification
- Sponsor selection and form submission
- Patron Saint selection and report
- Interview with Ms. Kat

Confirmation - Stewardship Hours Log Form

Only use this form if you are unable to log your hours via MobileServe.

SPX CODE:
7th Grade -C363F3
8th Grade- 790A52



A Total of 40 hours of Stewardship is required (30 Service + 10 Spiritual). All hours should be done with a generous attitude and grateful heart. *The idea is to go above and beyond for others!*

Name of Candidate: _____

Parent Signature (when completed): _____

SERVICE HOURS (Need 30)			
Date	Description/Location	Hours	Verification Signature
Total Service			

SPIRITUAL HOURS (Need 10)			
Date	Description/Location	Hours	Verification Signature
Total Spiritual			