



# The Catholic Parishes of Saint Francis Xavier & Saint Wendel

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## CONFIRMATION SPONSOR COMMITMENT

### **To be completed by the Confirmation sponsor:**

This form MUST be completed in its entirety, signed by your pastor and returned to Sherie Cooley at the above address as soon as possible or by **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12** the date of the Rite of Welcome.

Name of Confirmation Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Have you as a sponsor: (Check all that apply to you)

\_\_\_\_\_ Been baptized?      \_\_\_\_\_ Receive Eucharist?      \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmed  
in the Catholic Faith?

With humility and gratitude, I will accept the responsibility and privilege of the role of confirmation sponsor for the candidate listed above. I have read the Role of the Sponsor attached to this form and can fulfill these expectations. I will pray to strengthen my own commitment to grow in faith and love in the Catholic Community.

Signature of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

### **To be completed by Confirmation sponsor's parish:**

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a member of this parish, is a practicing Catholic and is qualified to act as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Signature of Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# 2023-2024 Confirmation Schedule / Responses Due

\*In-person classes will take place 5:00-7:00PM in Saint Wendel Cafetorium, unless otherwise noted. Food will be provided.

**Oct. 1 – CLASS:** [Session 1: Life is Choices](#)

HOME STUDY: [Session 2: What's Holding You Back?](#) (due Oct. 16)

**Oct. 22 – CLASS:** [Session 3: The Jesus Questions](#)

**CHANGE! Nov. 12 - Rite of Welcome at 10AM Mass at Saint Francis Xavier-** *candidates and sponsors should meet at 9:30AM in cafeteria for a quick Mass prep meeting, then again after Mass for a candidate-sponsor orientation*

HOME STUDY: [Session 4: The Prayer Process](#) (due Nov. 27)

**Dec. 3- CLASS:** [Session 5: The Bible](#)

HOME STUDY: [Session 6: Relationships](#) (due Dec. 18)

HOME STUDY: [Session 7: The Eucharist](#) (due Jan. 8)

**Jan. 21- CLASS:** [Session 8: The Holy Spirit](#)

HOME STUDY: [Session 9: The Church](#) (due Feb. 5)

**\*Confirmation interviews will be conducted during the month of February - details TBA**

**Feb. 4 – CLASS:** [Session 10: Confirmation](#)

HOME STUDY: [Session 11: Made for Mission](#) (due Feb. 19)

**Feb. 25 – Confirmation Retreat (for candidates & sponsors); Letter to Bishop is due**  
Noon-4:00PM (tentative), more details TBA

HOME STUDY: [Session 12: Holiness is Possible](#) (due Mar. 11)

**March 17 – Confirmation Rehearsal (for candidates & sponsors)**  
6:00-7:30PM in Saint Francis Xavier Cafeteria & Church

**Tues., March 19 – Rite of Confirmation at 6:00pm Saint Francis Xavier Church** – *candidates should arrive no later than 5:00PM in church for group picture to be taken before Mass. Sponsors should meet us in the cafeteria at 5:25PM for a brief meeting with the Bishop. All are invited for a reception after Mass.*

## COMMUNICATION INFORMATION:

We are using Remind to send updates about important class information.

To sign up for Confirmation 2024 notifications, please visit <https://www.remind.com/join/ha9ba28>

For questions, contact Sherie Cooley at [scooley@evdio.org](mailto:scooley@evdio.org) or (765) 427-8199

<https://faithformation-sfx-sw.weebly.com/confirmation.html>

## **ROLE OF THE SPONSOR**

The primary ways which describe the role of the sponsor in the preparation for the celebration of Confirmation are:

### **❖ PRAYER**

- Commit to pray for the candidate for the remainder of their lifetime, willing to continue walking with the candidate and invite him/her to continual growth
- Model a life of prayer and service, living in today's world

### **❖ SPIRITUAL COMPANION**

- Help and guide the candidate in Christian living
- Know the candidate and can witness to the growing faith of the candidate to the whole community
- Requires a relationship of trust and openness so the candidate can share questions, concerns, joys about their spiritual journey with the sponsor
- Live in geographical proximity to the candidate to ensure consistent and faithful involvement in the formation process

### **❖ ON-GOING FORMATION**

- Spiritually qualified and sufficiently mature for this role
- At least 16 years of age
- A fully initiated Catholic (one who is baptized, confirmed and receive Eucharist) who leads a life in harmony with the Catholic faith lifestyle
- Actively involved in their parish
- A person other than a parent – it is desirable that the sponsor of a candidate for Confirmation be the Baptismal godparent of the candidate
- Willing to engage in their spiritual growth in maturity

### **❖ PARTICIPATION**

- Attend scheduled sessions for sponsors, could include:
  - Orientation meeting
  - Meetings with candidates
  - Retreats (if specified)
  - Rite of Welcome
  - Evening of Reflection & Rehearsal
  - Rite of Confirmation