

Confirmation Dates _ 2018-2019

Confirmation Information Meeting (w/ Parent)	Sun. 11/4/2018 - 3:40pm to 5pm (Pine Room)
Confirmation Registration Due – Register Online www.ascensionoakpark.com/parish/confirmation-grades-7-12	Mon. 11/12/2018
Confirmation Inscription Service and 5pm Mass (w/ Parent or Sponsor)	Sun. 12/2/2018 - 4pm to 6pm (Pine Room & Church)
Confirmation Service Retreat @ Feed My Starving Children (20 adult chaperones needed)	Sat. 12/8/2018 – 9:45am to 6pm (Offsite – meet @ Pine Room)
Sponsor Form Due – Submit Online	Fri. 12/14/2018
Confirmation Meeting #1	Th. 1/24/2019 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm (Pine Room) or Sun. 1/27/2019 - 3pm to 5pm (Pine Room)
Confirmation Meeting #2	Th. 2/7/2019 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm (Pine Room) or Sun. 2/10/2019 - 3pm to 5pm (Pine Room)
PADS Service Project –providing dinner for PADS guests – more information will be given out at the January meetings	Sun. 2/24/2019 – Euclid Methodist Church, 405 S. Euclid, Oak Park, IL
Confirmation Meeting #3 Paper #1 Due	Sun. 3/7/2019 - 3pm to 5pm (Pine Room) or Th. 3/10/2019 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm (Pine Room)
Confirmation Meeting #4 and 5pm Mass (w/ Sponsor) Paper #2 Due	Sun. 5/19/2019 - 3pm to 6pm (Pine Room & Church)
Paper #3 & Logs Due	Fri. 9/6/2019 (Parish Center)
Bishop’s Letter Due	Fri. 9/13/2019 (Parish Center)
Confirmation Meeting #5	Sun. 9/29/2019 - 3pm to 5pm (Pine Room) or Th. 10/3/2019 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm (Pine Room)
Confirmation Vigil(w/ Sponsor)	Fri. 10/18/2019 - 7pm to 8:30pm (Church)
Confirmation (w/ Sponsor, Parent, Family)	Sat. 10/19/2019 – Time TBD
Post-Confirmation Retreat	Date TBD – likely late October or early November
Mentor Meeting Dates	
Mentor Meeting #1	Sun. 1/20/2019 – 11am-12:30pm
Mentor Meeting #2	Sun. 2/3/2019 – 11am-12:30pm
Mentor Meeting #3	Sun. 3/3/2019 – 11am-12:30pm
Mentor Meeting #4	Sun. 9/22/2019 – 11am-12:30pm

Adult Roles:

Greeter – An adult who volunteers at the Confirmation meetings to greet the Candidates and help with logistical aspects of running the meetings.

Mentor – A fully-initiated Catholic in good standing who works with a small group of candidates at the Confirmation meetings. A Mentor can be youth, parents, or sponsors but will be expected to attend additional meetings.

Sponsor – This person is a fully-initiated Catholic in good standing who guides the Candidate in faith development. Each Candidate picks a Sponsor, often a Godparent or another person close to the Candidate.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Family	Sacraments - Attend Mass weekly & receive Reconciliation regularly
Candidate/ Family	Religious Education - During 6 th , 7 th , & 8 th grades (both before and after Confirmation), do either of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Attend Ascension school and receive a passing grade in Religion Class. Or2. Attend Religious Education classes at Ascension.
Candidate/ Sponsor/ Family	≥15 hours of Service Work – Make service a habit. Serve in many ways (esp. Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy) around the parish and in the surrounding community. The Candidate is to complete a Service Log detailing at least 15 hours. At least 5 of the hours should be spent serving each of the following (overlapping) categories: the Parish, the wider community, and the poor. The RE office will send out emails with available service opportunities. Here are a few examples: perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy (e.g. feed the hungry, pray for the living and the dead), serve at Housing Forward (PADS), help at the parish community garden, or participate in some role in addition to being part of the congregation during the Mass (e.g. sing in the choir, be an altar server, etc.).
Candidate/ Sponsor/ Family	≥5 Faith Boosters – Grow your faith life. Participate in many faith based activities that are outside of the normal life of the Candidate. These should enliven the Candidate’s faith and/or introduce them to some aspect of Catholic faith life with which he or she is unfamiliar. These should also help the Candidate get into the good habit of living a vibrant faith life. A minimum of 5 faith boosters must be detailed in the Confirmation Log. It is suggested that at least one faith booster is done multiple times and that there are at least two different types of faith boosters. For example, the Candidate could attend Taize Prayer twice and three other faith boosters. The RE office will send out emails with available suggested activities. Here are a few examples: attend a prayer service (e.g. Taize Prayer) or daily Mass, perform an examination of conscience as part of nightly prayers, or spend an hour at Eucharistic Adoration.
Candidate/ Sponsor/ Parents	Bible & Faith Conversations - Read and reflect on the selected passages from the Bible. Discuss them as well as questions the Candidate has about his or her faith. Questions will be provided to help prompt the conversations. Please complete a Bible reflection each month. A longer paper synthesizing these summaries will be due later in the year. See below for more information on the paper.
Candidate/ Sponsor/ Parents	3 Written Reflections - Complete three typed reflections discussing aspects of our faith. Formal descriptions of the papers will be in the Confirmation Log. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Patron Saint & Call To Holiness2. Bible Reflections & Faith Conversations3. Faith & Works
Candidate/ Sponsor/ Parents	Request to be Confirmed in a Letter to Bishop - Write a typed letter to the Bishop asking to be Confirmed. More detailed instructions will be sent out over the summer, in August.