

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CONFIRMATION HANDBOOK
2026-2027



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"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." Acts 2:1-4

CONTACT INFORMATION

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WELCOME TO THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Welcome to the St. Luke Confirmation Program! Preparation for the sacrament is offered in 8th grade. The date for Confirmation is Wednesday, August 25, 2027 at SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral.

Students enrolled at St. Luke School are prepared for Confirmation during the week. All other students in public and private non-Catholic schools will prepare for the sacrament by attending the SMRE (Sunday Morning Religious Education) Confirmation Program from 10:45-11:50 a.m.

REGISTRATION

All parents need to register their children for Confirmation. This information is vital to keeping our sacramental records. St. Luke students will need to pay a \$60 fee for the program. SMRE students' fees have been included in their SMRE fees. The fee for all students covers the cost of books, the retreat, and other expenses associated with the program.

A copy of your child's baptism certificate will be required for all candidates. If your child was baptized at St. Luke Parish, you do not need to submit a copy if it is on file with the school office.

Link to register

<https://www.fellowshiponegiving.com/App/Form/a96f1f90-cb32-4760-a218-f55d179f3dbf>



REQUIRED CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Church teaches us that it is the responsibility of the baptized to live the Gospel in the world. The Confirmation Program teaches your sons and daughters to actively preach and spread the Gospel through their daily activities at home, school, parish and community.

Service is not something to scratch off the list of Confirmation requirements. Christian service hours should teach your children that loving service pleases God and benefits our neighbor. In a very practical sense, Christian service hours should direct youth to love God and neighbor.

25 HOURS

Service needs to be completed in the following three areas no later than May 31, 2027 for all candidates:

1. Prayer
2. Parish (St. Luke Catholic Church)
3. Community
4. Domestic Church

Each category for service should be selected. Of the total **25 hours**, no category should have less than 3 hours. A student may even exceed the 25 hours of service. In fact, many candidates do exceed the required number of service hours!

Throughout the year, there will be service opportunities offered in the parish and school that count toward the service requirement. This year we are requiring participation in one of the following events for the Parish portion of hours: All Saints Day Party, St. Nicholas Day Party, St. Patrick's Day Party, or Mary's Way Dinner. The sign ups for these events can be found below.

Candidates may not benefit directly from the service they perform. For example, receiving money for any service.

Altar servers & sacristans may not accept money for funerals or weddings. They may serve a funeral or wedding, but if they receive payment, they may not count the time toward Christian service. An altar server may accept the money and give it to Father Joe to put in a charity fund of his choosing. Father Joe may also allow the altar server to designate a charity.

Under the category of **PRAYER**, your child may participate in public displays of our Catholic faith that are planned in the parish or archdiocese.

- Altar serving: Contact Fr. Joe at jmoriarty@stluke.org.
 - School Masses are not included. They may be included if an altar server is absent and a substitute is needed.
 - Sunday Masses are included
 - Only 2 of the mandatory 3 hours in this category can be received through altar serving – boys may do more but should experience at least one hour elsewhere.
- Sacristan
 - Only 2 of the mandatory 3 hours in this category can be received through sacristaning – girls may do more but should experience at least one hour elsewhere.
- Singing in the parish and school choirs. Contact Mr. Tom Nichols at tnichols@stluke.org.
- Praying in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Under the category of **PARISH (St. Luke Catholic Church)**, your child is required to participate in at least one of the following events. They may receive additional hours in the category at any event that directly benefits St. Luke Catholic Church or School.

- All Saints Day Party: [Sign up](#)
- St. Nicholas Party: [Sign up](#)
- St. Patrick's Day Party: [Sign up](#)
- Mary's Way: [Sign up](#)

Under the category of **COMMUNITY**, your child may engage in activities that serve the community beyond St. Luke Parish. Below are some suggestions for community service.

- Helping at local soup kitchens
- Sorting items at the St. Vincent de Paul Warehouse
- Helping elderly neighbors rake leaves or shovel their driveway
- Serving at Beggars for the Poor
- Assisting staff at The Humane Society
- Serving at Wheeler Mission
- Volunteering at Little Sisters of the Poor
- Planting trees with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful

Under the category of **DOMESTIC CHURCH**, your child may engage in activities that directly benefit parents, siblings and other relatives in the home. The term "Domestic Church" refers to the family, the smallest unit, body or group of gathered believers of Jesus Christ. The term dates back to the first century A.D. The Early Church Fathers understood that the home, where the family resides, is the fertile ground for discipleship, sanctification, and holiness. Parents will be responsible for approving the service rendered by their children on MobileServe.

Ideas for hours:

- Chores outside of what is expected (no allowance may be accepted)
- Helping a sibling with homework
- Babysitting younger siblings
- Engage in conversations about faith with parents and siblings!

MOBILESERVE

MobileServe is how we track the service hours of all confirmation candidates. MobileServe alleviates the challenges of service hour tracking. As a full-service impact tracking platform, MobileServe empowers Confirmation candidates to digitally log, verify and approve service hours in real time – allowing them to focus on what really matters.

All accounts for St. Luke students have been created using their St. Luke email. They will receive their password: St.Luke2027! On the first day of class and learn how to use the app.

For SMRE students, to create an account, please go to <https://mobileserve.com/>. Join our class by using the code F3C4F9.

Candidates should complete their service hours no later than the end of May and use MobileServe to track their hours. Adults who supervise the candidates will be required to sign off on your child's service through MobileServe.

	DATE	TIME	PLACE	OTHER
Baptismal Certificate & Registration Forms	Friday, October 30, 2026		Please mail or deliver to the St. Luke Parish Office	
Confirmation Meeting for Parents only	Monday, September 21	7pm (following the DC parent meeting)	All Saints/Fr. McGivney rooms	Baptism certificates, registration and fees due October 31
Confirmation Retreat for candidates only	TBD	8:30am - 3pm	Marian University	
FORM A – Sponsor Letter of Good Standing	Friday, January 22, 2027 Sunday, Jan 24		Letters should be mailed or delivered to the parish office.	The parish seal MUST BE present.
FORM B – Sponsor essay/interview due	Friday, January 22, 2026 Sunday, Jan 24		To be delivered to teacher/catechist	
FORM C – Confirmation Saint Paper due	Friday, March 6 Sunday, March 7		To be delivered to teacher/catechist	
Optional Holy Hour for Candidates and Sponsors	Saturday, Jan 9, 2027	6:00pm	St. Luke Church	Followed by dinner in the All Saints Room.
FORM D – Letter to Archbishop Thompson	Friday, April 16 Sunday, April 18		To be delivered to teacher/catechist	DO NOT MAIL TO ARCHBISHOP THOMPSON
Christian Service Hours to be completed	Sunday May 30, 2027		Hours must be logged on Mobile Serve	
Confirmation Practice	Sunday, August 22, 2027	12:30	St. Luke Church	Sponsors may attend but are not required.
Confirmation will be celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, 46202	Wednesday, August 25, 2027	5:15pm candidates and sponsors meet with Archbishop Thompson 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass	SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral	Candidates and sponsors assigned reserved seating in the cathedral. Parents, relatives and friends sit in unreserved seats.

****Due dates in BLACK are for St. Luke Students, Due dates in RED are for SMRE students.**