

**St. Luke Catholic Church
7575 Holliday Drive East
Indianapolis, IN 46260**



Confirmation Handbook 2025-26

“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

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WELCOME TO THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Welcome to the St. Luke Confirmation Program! Preparation for the sacrament is offered in the 8th grade. The date for the Confirmation ceremony is Wednesday, September 2, 2026 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.

Registering

Parents of students in grade 8 at St. Luke School need to register their children for Confirmation. SMRE students will register through the religious education link.

Go to <https://www.fellowshiponegiving.com/App/Form/17dfe17d-33cd-48a9-aa17-6106591f94e5>

A copy of your child's baptism certificate will be required for both SMRE and St. Luke School students. Please make sure the school office has your child's certificate on file. If you wish to register off-line, use the registration sheet provided on page 9, fill it out and return it with the fee and a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the parish office.

The Required Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for **February 7, 2025 at Fatima Retreat House**. Parents are asked to drop off their children at 8:30 a.m. and pick them up at 3:00 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided. **The retreat is required for all students who are making their Confirmation in 2026.**

Confirmation Fees

SMRE students pay \$85 per child for the Confirmation Program. St. Luke School students' fee is \$50. The SMRE tuition includes book fees. The fee for all students covers the cost of the retreat, retreat team expenses, MobileServe, and other expenses associated with the Confirmation Program.

The Curriculum

St. Luke School and SMRE students will be using two books from Loyola Press: *Finding God* and *Confirmed in the Spirit*. As stated by the publisher, *Finding God* explores the life of Jesus Christ and the authentic teachings of the Catholic Church. Each Young People's book comes with access to the new *Finding God 7-8* App that contains engaging and thought-provoking faith-filled multimedia. *Confirmed in the Spirit* provides young people with the comprehensive, core preparation they need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

REQUIRED CHRISTIAN SERVICE

25 Hours of 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.

Of course, the service project is never an end in itself. It 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 projects should direct youth to love God and neighbor.

The Confirmation Service Hours are recorded by MobileServe. We will activate each account in the first confirmation class of the school year. Emails for all students will be submitted to MobileServe.

25 Hours of Christian Service

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

- 1. Prayer and Public Witness**
- 2. Parish and/or School**
- 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. For example, a student may choose 16 hours of Parish/and or School Service, 3 hours for Prayer and Public Witness, 3 hours for Community, and 3 hours for Domestic Church. Other combinations are possible. A student may even exceed the 25 hours of service. In fact, many candidates do exceed the required number of service hours!

Acknowledgement of the top three students who complete the most hours will be made at the Confirmation Mass 2026.

Throughout the year, there will be service projects offered in the parish and school that count toward the service requirement.

Candidates may not benefit directly from the service they perform. For example, the hours required to raise money for a school trip to Washington, D.C. will not count toward the service hours. If the candidate **works beyond the hours required**, he/she may earn Christian Service hours.

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.

More on the Christian Service Categories

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

For example, participation in youth events and retreats sponsored by St. Luke Parish or the archdiocese count toward Christian Service hours. Leighann Eckrich is our parish youth minister. You may contact her at leckrich@stluke.org to learn more about activities that provide hours for Confirmation Service.

- Altar serving: Contact Fr. Joe at jmoriarty@stluke.org.
 - Weekday Masses – School Masses are not included! They may be included if an altar server is absent and a substitute is needed.
- Sacristan: Contact Leighann Eckrich at leckrich@stluke.org or Sister Lenitta at slenitta@stluke.school.
- Singing in the parish and school choirs. Contact Mr. Tom Nichols at tnichols@stluke.org.
- Praying in our perpetual adoration chapel. The supervisor may be the parent or parishioner who is present while the candidate is in adoration. MobileServe must still be used.

Under the category of **PARISH and/or SCHOOL**, your child may participate in a wide variety of tasks and events.

- Service hours may be gained through all types of approved events on the parish or school calendars. If there is a question about the type of service, please email leckrich@stluke.org.
- Candidates may receive 5 hours for *reverant* participation in the Passion Play and 1 hour for the Crowning of Mary. Participation will be expected, but students may gain at least two hours toward Christian Service. Contact Mr. Scott at jscott@stluke.school or Mr. Chisholm gchisholm17@gmail.com to verify hours.
- Mrs. Jeffries, Director of Spiritual Life and Formation, will offer opportunities throughout the year for Christian service, such as cleaning or decorating the church. Her email is ejeffries@stluke.org.
- For other parish events, contact our volunteer coordinator Mrs. Hartley at thartley@stluke.org.

Under the category of **COMMUNITY**, your child may engage in activities that serve the community beyond St. Luke Parish. With your close supervision, candidates may serve the community by raking neighbors leaves, shoveling walks, babysitting or tutoring younger children and serving the poor. Below are other suggestions for Community service.

- Helping at local soup kitchens
- Sorting items at the St. Vincent de Paul Warehouse
- Collecting non-perishable food for First Sunday Sharing
- Helping to prepare the Thanksgiving Baskets at St. Luke
- Serving at Beggars for the Poor
- Assisting staff at The Humane Society

- Serving at Wheeler Mission

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!

WHAT IS 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. MobileServe puts an end to spreadsheets and lost papers.

The email addresses for the current 8th grade candidates will be submitted to the MobileServe team. Once the team sends out an email to you, please follow the directions so that you can manage your child’s account. Please do not change email addresses! Your child will become an active user. If you have another child on MobileServe, you will need an additional email for your Confirmation Candidate.

To download the App, go to the App Store or Google Play. Search “MobileServe” and tap *Get* or *Install*.

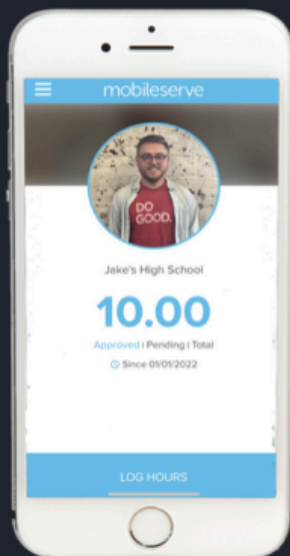
Candidates should complete their service hours no later than the end of May and use MobileServe to track their hours. Adults who supervise the candidates will be required to sign off on your child’s service through MobileServe.

In recent years, some students have asked to begin their service projects during the summer months before they begin the new academic year. This is acceptable as long as MobileServe is utilized. Watch the first video that describes how to use MobileServe by clicking on <https://info.mobileserve.com/product-overview>.

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WHAT IS MOBILESERVE?

From tracking student service hours to helping companies engage in Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives, MobileServe connects volunteers to national, regional, and local service opportunities, tracks impact, and then connects service data directly to existing databases. Serving the entire volunteer ecosystem, MobileServe is home to thousands of service administrators connecting volunteers to hundreds of thousands of nonprofits.



app.mobileserve.com



GETTING STARTED :



CLAIM ACCOUNT
You'll get an email from MobileServe or your school inviting you to join



DOWNLOAD APP
You can access MobileServe on a browser or through our app



DO GOOD.
You're ready to get out there and volunteer in your community!

CONFIRMATION	DATE	TIME	PLACE	OTHER
Baptismal Certificate & Registration Forms	Friday, October 3, 2025		Please mail or deliver to the St. Luke Parish Office	
Confirmation Meeting for Parents only	Tuesday, September 23	7pm (following the DC parent meeting)	All Saints/Fr. McGivney rooms	Baptism certificates, registration forms and fees due October 3
Confirmation Retreat for candidates only	Saturday, February 7, 2026	8:30am - 3pm	Fatima Retreat House	Fee for St. Luke School students is \$50. SMRE fee is \$85 & includes retreat fee.
FORM A – Sponsor Letter of Good Standing	Friday, March 6, 2026 Sunday, March 8		Letters should be mailed or delivered to the parish office.	The parish seal MUST BE present.
FORM B – Sponsor essay due	Friday, January 16, 2026 Sunday, Jan 25		To be delivered to teacher/catechist	
FORM C – Confirmation Saint Name Paper due	Friday, March 6 Sunday, March 8		To be delivered to teacher/catechist	
Optional Holy Hour for Candidates and Sponsors	Saturday, March 13, 2026	6:00pm	St. Luke Church	
FORM D – Letter to Archbishop Thompson	Friday, May 8 Sunday, May 10		To be delivered to teacher/catechist	
Christian Service Hours to be completed	Sunday May 31, 2026		Hours must be logged on Mobile Serve	
Confirmation will be celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, 46202	September 2, 2026	6:00 p.m. candidates and sponsors only meet with Archbishop Thompson 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass	Candidates and sponsors meet at 6:00 p.m. in Assembly Hall of Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Candidates, sponsors and guests gather at 7:00 p.m. at 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.

**2025-2026 Confirmation Registration Form for all
Eighth Grade Students**

The Confirmation fee is \$50 for each St. Luke student.

For SMRE students, the Confirmation fee is included in your SMRE fee.

All fields below are required for registration.

Child to be registered

Child's Full Name _____

Child's Date of Birth _____

Child's Place of Birth _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____ Email of mother _____

Cell preferred

Email of father _____

Baptism Information

A copy of the certificate will be required at the first parent meeting

Child's Date of Baptism _____

Church of Baptism _____

City and State _____

Home Address _____

City, Zip Code _____

Parent Information

Mother's Full Name _____

Maiden Name _____

Email _____

Cell number _____

Religion of Mother _____

Father's Full Name _____

Email _____

Cell number _____

Religion of Father _____

FORM A Confirmation Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility
DUE NO LATER THAN MARCH 6, 2026

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7575 Holliday Drive East, Indianapolis, IN 46260
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ROLE OF THE CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Candidates for Confirmation, as for baptism, fittingly seek the spiritual help of a Sponsor. To emphasize the unity of the two sacraments, it is appropriate that this be one of the baptismal godparents. Although one of the Confirmation candidate's godparents is the ideal, this is not the only choice (CCC 1311).

Like the godparents chosen at Baptism, sponsors "must be firm believers, able and ready to help (the Confirmed) on the road of Christian life. Their task is truly ecclesial function...bearing some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at Baptism" (CCC 1255). Like parents and godparents, they share the responsibility for the salvation of the young soul entrusted to them.

The sponsor should be a Catholic who lives his or her faith and strives to grow in the Christian virtue. This is shown by a person who spends time in daily prayer, goes to confession with regularity, participates at Sunday Mass weekly, and receives Holy Eucharist frequently.

This is to certify that I _____
Sponsor Name

A registered member of _____
Parish

Accept the invitation to be a sponsor at the Confirmation of _____
Name of Candidate

In accepting this responsibility, I truthfully state the following:

I am a member of the Catholic Church

I am at least 16 years of age

I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church

I am not married outside of the Church or cohabitating with my significant other (living together without marriage)

I am not the parent of the Confirmation candidate

I understand and accept the responsibility which I undertake as a sponsor and I promise to be a support and example that reflects the spirit and teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

Priest's Certification

This is to certify that the above is a registered member of this Parish in good standing and, to the best of my knowledge, is capable of assuming the duties and responsibilities of the role of Sponsor.

Priest's Signature _____ Parish Seal Must Be Present

Parish _____

Date _____