

Good afternoon SJS Confirmation families!

We hope that this email finds you well and enjoying the new year as much as possible! This email contains some important Confirmation information for our families with 8th grade students. Please let the Confirmation team know if you have any questions at stjamesconfirm@stjamesah.org.

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Important Confirmation Information

Part of the Confirmation process requires picking a Confirmation Sponsor, a Saint Name, and writing a letter to the bishop before being Confirmed. You can pick a sponsor and saint name anytime and we explain how below. However, you do not need to fill anything out until January/February of your 8th grade year. If you have an 8th grader, please fill out their information here: <https://forms.gle/d953CHqWnULbMb5w5>

Saint Name (This will be discussed further in Religion class next week.)

Here are some helpful resources to consider when choosing a saint name.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8VmQPv09rE&ab_channel=ChurchPOPEditor

<https://lifeteen.com/blog/biggest-best-list-confirmation-saints-guys-girls/>

Bishop Letter (This will be discussed further in Religion class next week.)

Each student is usually required to write a letter to the bishop. In this letter, they will ask the bishop to grant them the Sacrament of Confirmation. However, due to Covid-19, bishops will not be doing Confirmation masses this year. Rather, the pastor will be given the faculties to confirm. As a result, the students will not be required to write the letter this year. However, this will complete a reflection assignment related to this topic in Religion class. Father Ryan will be meeting with our 8th grade students at St. James at some point before the celebration of the Sacrament.

Sponsor Information (This will be discussed further in Religion class next week.)

All students will be required to have a sponsor to stand by them as they make their confirmation. Requirements of the sponsor are as follows:

- Must be 16 years of age
- Must Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist
- Must not be the father or the mother of the one to be confirmed

<https://www.pflaum.com/selecting-a-confirmation-sponsor/>

School Confirmation Mass

Thursday May 13th 7:00pm in the Church. This may have to be adjusted depending on where we are with Covid but we will keep you posted.

In His Name,

St. James Confirmation Team

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Please let us know if you have any other questions.

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