



ST. ISIDORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Confirmation

26-27 Information Session

Sunday, August 23, 2026



Confirmation is not Catholic graduation.

It is readiness to receive the Holy Spirit and to be sent into the world as an apostle.

Catechesis is not about information. It is about transformation: an encounter with Jesus Christ that changes how a person lives.

A Journey of Discernment



Apprenticeship, not a class

Teens are formed the way the Church has always formed adult converts: gradually, through the life of the parish and the rhythm of the liturgical year.



The Gospel first

We begin with the heart of the story, God's love and what Jesus has done, before anything else. Everything builds from that encounter.



Readiness is discerned

Through personal reflection, conversations with sponsors and parents, and a one-on-one conversation with Fr. Matthew, each teen discerns whether they are ready and desire the sacrament.

Sunday Mass: The First Expectation

Weekly Sunday Mass, preferably together as a family, for exactly two reasons:



Jesus is truly present

In the Eucharist we receive Jesus himself: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. There is nowhere else on earth we can meet him this way.



God asked us to

Keeping the Lord's Day holy is a commandment. Mass is the worship God is owed, not something we attend because of the music, the homily, or the way it makes us feel.

Our Sunday gatherings begin right after the 5 PM Mass so the sacraments stay at the center of the journey.

Choose a Sponsor Early

A sponsor is not a formality for the day of Confirmation. A sponsor walks with your teen through the whole journey of discernment, starting now.

- A confirmed, practicing Catholic who lives the faith your teen can see
- Someone who will pray for your teen and talk with them along the way
- Not Mom or Dad, but a trusted adult who knows your family



Start the conversation this week

Who in your teen's life already lives this faith out loud?

Our Sunday Gatherings

Sundays, 6:00 to 7:45 PM · St. Isidore Room · immediately following the 5 PM Mass



1 · Large-group catechesis

Live teaching, primarily from Fr. Matthew, with other witnesses joining through the year. Bibles and journals open.



2 · Disciple circles

Small groups spread out across campus for honest discussion and reflection with a consistent adult witness.



3 · Closing prayer

Back together in the St. Isidore Room to end the night in prayer.

One combined journey for freshmen and sophomores.

Dates to Anchor Your Family Calendar



Sun, Sept 13

Kickoff: parents, teens, and sponsors together. Our first gathering of the year.



Sundays, 6:00–7:45 PM

Regular gatherings through the year. Full calendar will be published by the Kickoff.



Fri–Sun, April 9–11

Confirmation retreat, hosted here at St. Isidore. Confession and Mass are woven in.



Spring 2027

One-on-one discernment conversations with Fr. Matthew for every candidate.



**Possibly Mother's Day weekend,
May 7–9**

Target for Confirmation itself. The date is set by the Diocese; our request is being submitted now, so hold the weekend.

Additional anchor Masses and a Lenten Confession night will be on the full calendar.

Mass Is the Starting Point, Not the Whole Journey



Corporal works of mercy

Real opportunities to serve the poor and vulnerable together during the year.



Daily prayer

Hallow prayer challenges and guided prayer give teens a simple daily on-ramp.



Confession & Adoration

Regular Confession, time before the Blessed Sacrament, and the Rosary.



Faith at home

Parents are the first witnesses. The journey continues in your home and around your table.

What We Ask of Parents



Get to Mass together

Your presence in the pew says more than anything we can say in a gathering.



Help choose a sponsor now

Start the conversation this week and bring them into the journey early.



Consider sponsoring a teen

You can't sponsor your own child, but you may be exactly the witness another family's teen needs.



Sign up for snacks

Families take turns providing snacks for Sunday gatherings. Sign-ups open at the Kickoff.



Pray with your teen

Ask about their disciple circle. Share your own faith, including the hard parts.



After Confirmation: The Apostolate

Confirmation is a beginning, not an ending. Confirmed teens will be invited to discern joining The Apostolate: serving as teen catechists for the next class of candidates and exploring how to live out their faith through service in the parish.

More information coming soon.

Parents: Discern Serving This Year

Our teens do not need experts. They need witnesses: adults willing to walk beside them.

You do NOT need extensive knowledge of the Catechism. You need to be:

- A practicing Catholic in good standing
- A good listener
- Open to walking with our teens toward Christ
- Willing to share your own journey with vulnerability and authenticity



**Think you're not qualified but
wish you were?**

You're exactly who I want to talk to.

justin@sichurch.com

Two cleared adults are always present with teens, per Diocese Safe Environment standards. We help you through clearance.

Registration

Every teen registers for the 2026–27 journey, new and returning alike.

If you haven't registered yet, scan the code and complete it this week, before September 7th.

Registration questions: justin@sichurch.com



Scan to register



Questions?

Ask now, catch us afterward, or email justin@sichurch.com anytime.



“We're here to help people come to know the love of Christ and invite them to respond with a lived Catholic faith.”

Our hope for every teen: Confirmation that is discerned and desired, and the beginning of their journey as a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church.

See you Sunday, September 13 · Questions: justin@sichurch.com