

St. Matthew Confirmation Class 2023-2024 Registration Form
6th Grade (Prep Year) & 7th Grade (Sacramental Year)

Registration Fee due by September 15, 2023

Candidate's Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____ School in Sept _____ Grade in Sept. _____

Family Last Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Candidate's Email: _____

Confirmation Name (leave blank if not yet known) _____

*****Special needs (medical, learning, food allergy)** _____

Mother's Information:

Religion: _____

First Name

Maiden Name

Last Name

Address (if different than above) _____

Send Duplicate emails?

Yes _____ No _____

Email Address _____

circle one: Cell Phone/Work Phone _____

Father's Information:

Religion: _____

First Name

Last Name

Address (if different than above) _____

Send Duplicate emails?

Yes _____ No _____

Email Address _____

circle one: Cell Phone/Work Phone _____

Sponsor Information: If the sponsor is not a member of St Matthew Church, a sponsor certificate must be obtained by the sponsor from their parish. Certificates are due no later than 12/17/2023.

Sponsor's Full Name	
Address	
Phone	
Sponsor's Parish	
Sponsor's Parish Address	

Confirmation Candidate's Sacramental Records In order to participate in Confirmation, the candidate must have received the sacraments listed below. Please provide us with a copy of his/her Baptismal &/or First Eucharist certificates unless the sacraments were made at St Matthew.

	Baptism	First Reconciliation	First Eucharist
Date			
Church			
Address			
City, State, Zip			

Emergency Contact Information:

Name _____ Phone _____

Volunteer Information: We are in need of hall monitors during class time. Would you be able to help?

Yes _____ No _____

What is the last grade of Religious Education Completed _____

Where was that completed? _____

Confirmation Preparation Program Outline

- 1. Classes:** Please see attached letters from Liz Reid for Grade 6 and Grade 7 Program explanation and dates.
- 2. Retreat**
- 3. Successful completion of a written Evaluation**
- 4. Worship:**
 - Regular Mass attendance on weekends and Holy Days of Obligation along with your family.
 - All candidates are to be trained as either Altar Servers, Ushers, or Lectors, and serve such Ministry on a regular mass schedule, or Participate in the Youth and/or Contemporary Youth Choirs.
 - Attendance at Eucharist Adoration and Rosary.
 - Attendance at Stations of the Cross.
- 5. Service Projects:** Candidates for Confirmation will do class projects and can choose individual or group service projects (approx.. 15 hours of service in the community or at events).
- 6. Interview with a Clergy Member:** Each Candidate will also have an interview with a member of the clergy sometime during the preparation program. All forms and assignments must be turned in before scheduling an appointment.
- 7. Reconciliation Services:** The Candidate along with their families is to attend a Family Reconciliation Service during Advent and Lent
- 8. Rehearsal:** *Sponsors & Candidates are to attend. Please be prompt*
- 9. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Frank Caggiano in 2024 for 7th Graders and 2025 for 6th Graders.**
- 10. Confirmation Names:** Candidates must prepare a one-page essay on a Saint whose life they wish to emulate and whose name they will take at Confirmation. This must be a Saint recognized by the Catholic Church.
- 11. Sponsor Certificates.** The Sponsor obtains the Certificate from their parish.
- 12. Family participation at Mass, regular reception of Eucharist and Reconciliation and Service Project.**

Registration Fee due by September 15, 2023: \$ 300 (Checks payable to St. Matthew Church)

(\$200 in-person class at St. Matthew + \$100 Co-Op at All Saints Catholic School)

***** If you have a balance from the previous school year, this balance must be cleared prior to applying payment to the 2023 – 2024**

school year.

****By registering for the Confirmation program, we agree to all the requirements as stated in the registration letter and Outline. This also serves as a permission slip for the Confirmation Retreat.**

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Coordinator Signature _____ Date _____

For Office Use Only

Total paid _____ Date paid _____

_____ Cash _____ Check # _____ (Checks payable to St. Matthew Church)

Dear 6th Grade Pre-Confirmation Students and Parents:

This year, our parish 6th graders and students from 3 other parishes in Norwalk will continue the Multi-Parish Collaborative Youth group which began last year. This exciting new program will feature some class instruction and lessons, but will also encompass a Norwalk community wide middle school gathering of young people for Mass, activities, and collaboration. You will be learning and developing ways of sharing and living your faith.

This means that your 6th grade religious education program will be comprised of one monthly Sunday evening class at St. Matthew including attendance together at the 5pm Mass, and one Sunday monthly session at All Saints School with the candidates from the other parishes.

In the past our 6th grade pre-confirmation program was held at our church on two Sundays a month. So instead of that the program will be one Sunday at church and one Sunday at All Saints School.

Students who currently attend All Saints School (or another catholic school) will only have to attend the collaborative sessions at All Saints School (cost \$100). Their curriculum for religious studies is otherwise handled at school. Any student who wishes to register for Confirmation next year, must attend the All Saints Collaborative class one Sunday a month.

PLEASE NOTE THE DIFFERENCE IN TIMES: THE SUNDAYS AT ST. MATTHEW WILL BE FROM 5pm– 7:15 (INCLUDES 5PM MASS and CLASS FROM 6:00-7:15) AND SUNDAYS AT ALL SAINTS SCHOOL WILL BE FROM 4PM-6:15PM (INCLUDES MASS AND SNACKS EACH SESSION). MASS ATTENDANCE ON THOSE SUNDAY NIGHTS IS A MANDATORY PART OF THE CLASS.

Reminders will be sent out each week including dates and times for the next class, and other important information will be sent. Checking your email each week will help in the success of this program.

CLASS DATES:

AT ALL SAINTS

(4PM-6:15PM)

OCT 1ST

NOV 5TH

****DEC 10TH – (CHURCH CLASS IS FIRST THIS MONTH)**

JAN 7TH

FEB 11TH

****MAR 10TH – (CHURCH CLASS IS FIRST THIS MONTH)**

APRIL 7TH

MAY 5TH

AT ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

(5PM MASS AND CLASS 6-7:15pm)

OCT 15TH

NOV 19TH

DEC 3RD

JAN 21ST

FEB 25TH

MAR 3RD

APRIL 28TH

MAY 19TH

Attendance will also be required at a First Friday adoration and Stations of the Cross.

The cost for 6th grade confirmation prep is \$300 (\$200 for class, books and materials at church, and \$100 for snacks, materials, rental fee and supplies at All Saints). Again, Catholic School Students only need to register for and attend the All Saints portion (cost \$100 to register).

All 6th grade students must attend the All Saints Collaborative Youth classes if they are to register for 7th Confirmation next year.

If you have any questions or if you are having trouble with the registration fee please contact me immediately. I am so excited for this program and think that your child and the youth of our parish and city are going to find it incredible.

All my best,

Liz Reid

Dear 7th Grade Confirmation Candidates and Parents:

You are officially on the clock as our next confirmation candidate class. Congratulations!

The confirmation program this year for 7th grade will consist of classes 2 Sunday evenings per month at St. Matthew Church with Mass, a written saint report, clergy interview, service at Mass, and service in the community, participation at a First Friday Adoration and Stations of the Cross, and a confirmation retreat. You may register for confirmation if you have completed up through 6th grade religious education previously. You also must have attended the Collaborative Youth Group last year. If there are questions, please let me know.

Reminders will be sent out each week including dates and times for the next class, and other important information will be sent. Checking your email each week will help in the success of this program.

Although Mass attendance is mandatory on the two Sunday monthly class nights, weekly Mass attendance is strongly encouraged in the year you make your sacrament.

Confirmation will be received sometime in the spring when the program has ended and upon notification of availability from the Bishop's office.

CLASS DATES AND TIMES:

ATTENDANCE AT 5PM MASS AND THEN CLASS FROM 6:00-7:15PM ON:

OCTOBER 15TH

OCTOBER 29TH

NOVEMBER 12TH

NOVEMBER 19TH

DECEMBER 3RD

DECEMBER 17TH

JANUARY 7TH

JANUARY 21ST

FEBRUARY 4TH

FEBRUARY 25TH

MARCH 3RD

MARCH 10TH

APRIL 14TH

APRIL 28TH

MAY 5TH

MAY 19TH

In addition to these dates there will be participation at a First Friday Adoration in February, Stations of the Cross and service at Mass and in the community. There will also be a Confirmation Retreat and clergy interview.

Registration is now open for Confirmation.

The cost for Confirmation is \$300 (for classes, confirmation robes, retreat, and supplies).

If you have any questions or if you are having trouble with the registration fee please contact me immediately.

I am looking forward to being on this journey with your child.

All my best,

Liz Reid