

# ST. PATRICK PARISH / ST. MARY MISSION

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

Since the day of your child's baptism several years ago, they hopefully have been learning about their faith in Christ. As parents and first teachers, you took on the responsibility at the Baptismal Ceremony to help them to become closer to God. Your child now has come to the point where he or she will complete the baptismal process to make the faith their own and accept responsibility for their relationship with God. Through the conferring of the Holy Spirit your child will complete his or her initiation with the Sacrament of Confirmation. Usually, Confirmation is celebrated around ages 12 to 14. However, it may take place at any time.

As you are aware, the celebration of Confirmation at St. Patrick's has not been celebrated for four years because of pandemic restrictions placed on gatherings. Many of our youth missed the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If your family falls in this category, your son or daughter can be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The instructions will depend on you as the parents to help your child with the preparation. For those who have children at St. Patrick School, it will be offered in grades seven and eight thanks to the assistance from teachers and administration. If you have a child who missed the sacrament of Confirmation because of the pandemic and they have a brother or sister who is now in high school, they could be prepared and receive the sacrament with their younger sibling.

Parents who want to enroll their child(ren) for the Sacrament of Confirmation, are asked to fill out the Registration Form (one for each child if more than one child) and include your child's **Catholic Baptismal Certificate**. Please send the completed form(s) and Baptismal Certificate(s) to me as soon as possible by sending it to the Parish Office ([saintpatrick100@gmail.com](mailto:saintpatrick100@gmail.com)), to me ([fr.s.amato@gmail.com](mailto:fr.s.amato@gmail.com)) or to your child's (grade 7 & 8) teacher at St. Patrick School. If your child was baptized at St. Patrick's, Railton or St. Mary, Odessa the date of baptism is sufficient since we already have the Baptism on record. If you are attending another Parish and would like your child to make their Confirmation there, please contact your Parish Priest.

I would like to thank the staff at St. Patrick School for helping the children prepare for this sacrament. However, it is important to note that learning and living these sacraments is not the responsibility of the teachers at the school. **Parents are the essential educators** of their child's upbringing in the Catholic Faith. I want to emphasize that you **participate** in your child's instruction for Confirmation.

Please take time to help them to form a deeper relationship with Jesus. *I invite you and your family to participate at Sunday Mass at 11:00am in Railton or on Saturday at 4:30pm in Odessa on a regular basis.* Gathered to worship God as a parish community is the strongest connection since it is where our calling as the Body of Christ helps us to grow with others in our relationship with Jesus.

The benefits of your direct involvement with your child's preparation will be a blessing for you. These include: *a closer relationship and trust between you and your child, the opportunity for you to learn a bit more about your Catholic faith, questions that your child may ask you may spark a greater interest in your beliefs, and there are many other benefits that you'll discover on your own.*

I'll have more information in the next months. The celebration of Confirmation will take place in May or June. It's always a rewarding experience for me, our parish, and our teachers, to collaborate with you and your child to experience God's love in the preparation to receive Jesus through these Sacraments.

Sincerely in the Lord,

(Fr.) Sebastian Amato

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## Sacrament of Confirmation 2023 Registration Form

Please Print Clearly

*Our family supports our child by being involved in the preparation  
for the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Year/Month/Day

Postal Address with Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School:  St. Patrick  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please Note: A copy of the Catholic Baptismal Certificate is required for registration.  
(If baptized at St. Patrick, Railton or at St. Mary, Odessa, the date of Baptism is sufficient.)  
The candidate should have received the Sacraments Reconciliation & Eucharist***

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Parish of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Which parent is the best contact person?  Mother  Father  Both

***Please return the completed form to candidate's teacher  
the Parish Office at [saintpatrick100@gmail.com](mailto:saintpatrick100@gmail.com)  
or Fr. Amato at [fr.s.amato@gmail.com](mailto:fr.s.amato@gmail.com)  
as soon as possible. Thank you!***