



## **Blessed Sacrament Parish**

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DEAREST PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND/OR CAREGIVERS,

Greetings! We thank you for registering your child for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Due to low registrations, we have made some **changes to the time** of the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### **ENROLLMENT WEEKEND: JANUARY 28/ 29, 2023**

Candidates are asked to write a letter to Bishop Wayne Lobsinger explaining why they would like to be Confirmed. The letter must be submitted at any of these weekend Holy Masses (Saturday, January 28, 2023 @ 7:00 pm; Sunday, January 29, 2023 @ 8:15 am; 10:00 am; and 11:45 am).

Father Luke will call all the Confirmation candidates present at each Mass to submit their letter. Please include the candidates full name and the school they attend. The letter can be handwritten or typed and printed.

### **CONFIRMATION RETREAT/REHEARSAL- FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023, AT 6:00 PM-8:00 PM**

Monsignor Haller, Blessed Sacrament, St. Brigid, John Sweeney, Our Lady of Grace Schools  
Please submit the name of your chosen sponsor and your confirmation name on the night of the retreat/rehearsal. **Refer to the next page regarding Sponsor and Confirmation name.**

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION LITURGY**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023, AT 10:30 AM  
OUR LADY OF GRACE, MONSIGNOR HALLER AND ST. BRIGID**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023, AT 1:00 PM  
BLESSED SACRAMENT AND JOHN SWEENEY**

**ALL THESE EVENTS ARE HAPPENING AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**

## **CONFIRMATION SPONSOR**

Each Confirmation candidate must choose a Confirmation Sponsor who will present and assist the candidate during Confirmation. Our Diocesan rubric specifies who can be a sponsor.

*“The role of the sponsor in Confirmation is to encourage and support the candidate in his/her efforts to be a true and faithful witness to Christ. The sponsor should be chosen because he/she is an exemplary, active member of the Catholic Church.*

*A person, male or female, who has been fully initiated (has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) in the Catholic Church, and lives a life of faith may be a sponsor for Confirmation. The sponsor must be sixteen years of age or older and may not be the parent of the candidate. It is desirable that the sponsor be the person who undertook this role at Baptism. When the sponsor cannot be present for the Confirmation liturgy, another suitable person may be a proxy for the sponsor during the celebration.”*

## **CONFIRMATION NAME** (Taken from the Diocese of Hamilton, Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation)

“In the Rite of Confirmation there is no mention of choosing a special name for Confirmation. It is recommended that the child’s baptismal name may be used, emphasizing the important link between Baptism and Confirmation along the path of Christian Initiation.

The long standing custom of choosing a new name for Confirmation may be retained. If so, the candidates should choose the name of a recognized saint whose virtues inspire them to walk in holiness of life. The study of saints as part of the catechetical preparation for the sacrament is helpful in this regard.”

Thank you and we hope that this time of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation may truly be a blessing to you and your family.

Sincerely:

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