


ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Confirmation Projects Checklist 2023/2024

“Parents are the primary religious educators of their children.” Vatican II

Parents are asked to keep track of the following projects/events and make sure their child completes them by the required date. Attendance each week at Sunday Mass and religion class, the reading and understanding of the Gospels, and a basic understanding of the Catholic faith are a necessary part of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you in advance for being your child’s main guide during this preparation.

	Event/Project	Description	Date of Event or Date of Explanation	Time	Due Date or Explanation
#1 ___ #2 ___ #3 ___ #4 ___ #5 ___ #6 ___ #7 ___	GIFT Meetings	Gathered in Faith Together (GIFT) meetings for parents & students	1. October 4, 2023 2. November 8, 2023 3. December 6, 2023 4. January 24, 2024 5. February 7, 2024 6. February 28, 2024 7. March 20, 2024	6:45 to 8:15 p.m. 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.	Parents attend all GIFT nights except GIFT 4; Sponsors attend GIFT 4 to practice with students and are welcome to all other GIFT sessions.
—	Sponsor Letter (p.2) & Form (p.12)	Invitation to sponsor and form. Sponsor should be a practicing Catholic, at least 16 years of age, who is a good role model. Parents cannot be sponsors.	Form given to parents as part of project packet at October 4 GIFT meeting		Sponsor Form due at GIFT 2 Meeting on November 8, 2023
—	General Information Form (p.13)	Information necessary for parish record book	Form given to parents as part of project packet at October 4 GIFT meeting		Due at GIFT 2 Meeting on November 8, 2023
—	Saint Name Research (p.3)	Research paper on saint chosen as Confirmation name.	Introduced at October 4 GIFT meeting. Further explained to students in class on October 11.		Saint report will be due in class on October 25, 2023
—	Letter to St. Philip the Apostle Parish (p.4)		Form given to parents as part of project packet at October 4 GIFT meeting		First Draft due November 8, 2023 Final due November 29, 2023
—	Confirmation Coat of Arms (p.12)	What do I stand for? Graphic representation of student’s life and beliefs	Explained to students in class on November 15. Form given to parents as part of project packet at October 4 GIFT meeting		Due December 13, 2023 Will be discussed by students in class in December.
—	Meet My Sponsor Booklet (p.5)	A booklet introducing the student’s sponsor Will be given to sponsor at GIFT 4 meeting.	Description given to parents as part of project packet at October 4 GIFT meeting. Explained to students in class on October 11.		Due at December 13 class; will be discussed again at GIFT 4 Meeting
—	Community Service (p.7-10)	Service is a key element of Catholic life. Student should be involved in four different service experiences for others outside of family without pay	Forms given to parents as part of project packet at October 4 GIFT meeting		Due on January 10
—	Confirmation Interview	Candidates will talk about their readiness for Confirmation			January 17
—	Reconciliation & Night of Reflection		January 10, 2024	6:45 to 8:15 p.m.	
—	Confirmation Liturgy		Saturday, January 27, 2024	11:00 a.m. Arrive by 10:15 a.m.	