



Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Dear Parents,

We are excited to celebrate your child's upcoming sacrament(s)! What a beautiful blessing to share in the sacraments together as a parish and diocesan family! We hope this letter provides you with some helpful details about the day's events.

Arrival

- Registration begins at 9:30 am on Saturday in the Cathedral Atrium. When planning arrival, please know that the Cathedral parish celebrates their normal weekday Masses at 8:00am on Saturdays.
- Parking is available directly behind (West of) the church on 5th Street and in the lot north of the church on Lawrence Avenue. Look for these signs. 
- Please proceed to the Atrium to check in when you arrive. Hospitality staff will be available to assist with directions.
- The Confirmandi will attend a presentation with Bishop Paprocki in the Cathedral Hall at 10:00am for Saturday celebrations.
- Mass begins at 11:00 AM on Saturday May 1, 2027.
- Mass begins at 11:00 AM on Saturday June 5, 2027.

CONFIRMATION

PARKING

WELCOME

Seating

- There is reserved seating in the front pews for Confirmandi and sponsors. Seating assignments are printed on the name tag that are received at the registration table.
- Sponsors are seated in the row behind their Confirmand.
- Parents and guests may sit along any of the side pews of the Cathedral or in any of the pews in the main rows that are not reserved.
- Since seating capacity in the Cathedral Church is limited, each Confirmand may have a sponsor and 8 other guests. Live streaming is available for guests who are unable to attend. <https://spicathedral.org>

Invitation to Parents

- While Bishop Paprocki is meeting with the Confirmandi, there will be an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration and Confession in the church. All are invited to participate.
- Please pray for the Confirmandi as they make their final preparations for receiving the sacraments.

Hospitality & Photography

- Bishop Paprocki will return to the front of the altar for a group photo after the Mass. Hospitality staff will provide instructions.
- After the group photos, if your family would like a photo with Bishop Paprocki, please join the receiving line to meet with Bishop Paprocki and take a photo.
- The celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion Mass is a public event that will be live streamed. Links to these live streams are available on the Cathedral parish website <https://spicathedral.org>. If you have concerns about your child being shown in the live stream, please contact your pastor or Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist coordinator.
- Treats will be available for the Confirmandi after the Mass.

Dress

- Name Tags – are placed on the left side of the shoulder – they do not stick to skin. Bishop Paprocki uses them to say your Confirmation/Saint name as you approach him. **You must wear them.**
- Girls – White Dress (Chest and Shoulders must be covered)
 - No strapless dresses or spaghetti strings unless worn with a cover up
- Boys – Church Best (white dress shirt, dark pants, dress shoes, tie, jacket “optional”)

In Christ

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