



1. Register by November 1st, 2023. To do this, complete & submit the “Confirmation Registration” form. Registering by this date ensures that parents receive information about service opportunities throughout the year.
2. Complete & submit the “Confirmation Name & Sponsor” form by November 1, 2023.
3. Submit a copy of all sacramental certificates (i.e., Baptism, First Reconciliation, & First Eucharist) if your child made the sacraments at a church other than St. Louis, by November 1, 2023.
4. Find a sponsor - a faith mentor to support, encourage, & pray with and for the candidate
 - a. Your sponsor needs to be a practicing Roman Catholic and be in good standing in his/her church. He or she must be a baptized and confirmed Catholic, as well as attend Mass regularly. Sponsors must submit a letter from their parish stating this information.
 - b. Parents of confirmation candidates cannot serve as their child’s sponsor.
 - c. St. Louis parishioners serving as sponsors must contact the DRE to ensure eligibility.
 - d. Submit sponsor letters to DRE by November 1, 2023.
5. Attend Mass weekly
6. Actively attend faith formation at school or St. Louis. Children who do not receive religious education at school must attend St. Louis Faith Formation classes and maintain good attendance. See the St. Louis Faith Formation Attendance Policy for more information.
7. Attend both sacrament preparation classes. Absences will not be permitted & make-up sessions will not be offered.
 - a. Saturday, March 2nd, 2024, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 - b. Saturday, March 9th, 2024, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
8. Complete service hours: 10 total community service hours, 4 of which need to be completed within the St. Louis Parish community.
 - a. Use the St. Louis Community Service Form to document hours (located on St. Louis website)
 - b. Obtain a signature from the site supervisor every time you volunteer
 - c. Hours must be completed & Community Service form submitted **no later than Wednesday, April 10, 2024.**

*Volunteer opportunities at St. Louis are listed on page 2 of this document. Check the weekly bulletins and/or St. Louis website for specific dates & times for these events. Plan to have all St. Louis volunteer hours completed by Easter. St. Louis offers lots of volunteer opportunities in the fall, around Christmas, throughout winter, and at Easter; **however, volunteer opportunities are not available after Easter. Students must complete all St. Louis service hours by Easter.**

**It is not possible to submit an individual’s name to the diocese for Confirmation without the service hour requirement completed by the required due date.

9. Attend St. Louis Confirmation Retreat
 - a. **Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024**
 - b. **Time: 12:00 to 5:00 (lunch provided)**
 - c. **Location: St. Louis basement**

10. Attend Confirmation Mass:
Confirmation Mass will be Sunday, May 19th, 2024, at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Cathedral.

ST. LOUIS SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Fall "Clean-up" at church: Select Saturday mornings (9 to 11:00/12:00) in September & October
 - a. help rake leaves & gardening
2. German Mass : Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd
 - a. Saturday, December 2nd -TBD
 - b. Sunday, December 3rd - TBD
3. Christmas Party Set Up: Saturday, December 16th
 - a. Decorate the basement to prepare for the party
 - b. Set up/help with Christmas party
4. Christmas party: Sunday, December 17th, 11:00-2:00 p.m.
 - a. Food set up for party
 - b. Serve at party
5. Decorate the church for Christmas: TBD
6. St. Joseph's Table: Sunday in March
 - a. Set up and serve at St. Joseph's Table (anticipated time 10:00-1:00)
7. Easter clean-up/decorating: Saturday, March 30th, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
 - a. decorate the church
8. Help with Faith Formation classes: Ongoing September – April, 9:50 to 10:50 a.m.
9. Be an altar server or lector during Mass
10. Research the following people/topics related to our church for our church's archivist, Mr. Mike Riester:
 - a. 1) Michael Wiedrich and Wiedrich's Battery (Michael Wiedrich was a parishioner and a Civil War Soldier)
 - b. 2) Elbridge Spaulding (donor of our Tower Clock)
 - c. 3) Fire of 1885
 - d. 4) Grand Army of the Republic celebration in Buffalo 1896 (St. Louis Church participated)
 - e. 5) Hon. James Putnam (Attorney who defended the trustees in 1855)
 - f. 6) William Schickel (architect of the present church)

-Anyone interested in researching these people/topics can find info at the Grosvenor Room at the Central Library, Buffalo Historical Society, and the Internet. References and sources must be noted. Mr. Riester is looking for a 3-page paper on any of these topics.

-For each paper submitted, 2 hours of service can be applied.

-Send the paper to both Mr. Riester (flinthill57@yahoo.com) and Ashlee Campbell

*As other opportunities become available, parents will be emailed. Check weekly bulletins for dates/times for these & other St. Louis events

For inquiries, please contact the DRE, Ashlee Campbell (443.744.0354 / Religioused@stlouisrchurch.org)

Submit completed forms to DRE, Ashlee Campbell, via:

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