



St. Therese Parish

Sponsor FOR CONFIRMATION

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Sponsor Information

Sponsor for: _____

Sponsor's Name (*Please print, First and Last*): _____

The Confirmation Sponsor must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic. It cannot be a parent; however, the sponsor can be a grandparent or Godparent. This should be someone the candidate trusts in seeking out faith advice and direction. While the popular choice is a family member or family friend, we also recommend small group leaders and ministry leaders. But, this is a choice up to the candidate. Recommend that the sponsor only sponsor one candidate.

- I understand that as a sponsor I am to live a life in harmony with the nature of this responsibility, meaning, for example, that I regularly attend Mass.
- I receive the Eucharist regularly; I make use of the sacrament of Reconciliation.
- I am not married outside the church, cohabitating, or in an otherwise irregular situation.
- I seek to the best of my understanding of my Catholic faith to be faithful to the teachings of the Church.
- I attest that I have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, and that I am at least 16 years old. (preferably eighteen)
- I also understand that being a sponsor is a commitment of time.
- I (or my designated proxy) will attend required events and the sacramental celebration.
- I further understand that being chosen as a sponsor is a lifetime commitment to be, as I am able, a faithful witness of the Catholic way of life to the individual I am called to serve.
- I will obtain a Certificate of Good Standing from my parish.
- I attend Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, follow the precepts of the Church, and possess no impediments for serving as a sponsor.
- I am not a parent of the individual to be confirmed.

I. CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Email: _____

II. SACRAMENTAL HISTORY

1. Place Where You Were Baptized:

_____ Church Name (or Hospital, etc.) _____ Locality (town, city, County, etc.)

_____ Region (state, province, territory, etc.) _____ Country

2. Parish Where You Are Currently Registered: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

For Office Use

Date: _____ From St. Therese Parish: Yes No Certificate to Serve as a Sponsor Rec'd _____

Notes: _____

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Certificate to Serve as a Sponsor for

Name of Confirmation Candidate

I RECOGNIZE that a Confirmation sponsor has a special relationship to the person who is to be confirmed. A sponsor serves as a model of Christian living for the individual he/she is serving, as that person is renewed and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.

WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING, I recognize that in order to serve as a sponsor, a person must:

- ✦ Be a Catholic who has been baptized, confirmed, and has received the Eucharist, and who is currently living a sacramental life (e.g., attending Mass regularly, making use of the sacrament of Reconciliation), and is not married outside the Church, cohabitating, or in an otherwise irregular situation;
- ✦ Be at least sixteen years of age (preferably eighteen);
- ✦ Lead a life of faith in harmony with the responsibility they are undertaking;
- ✦ Not be a parent of the individual to be confirmed.

I HEREBY ACCEPT these responsibilities and testify that I fulfill the requirements to serve as a sponsor.

Signature of Sponsor

Date

I HEREBY STATE that _____
(Name of Sponsor)

is a registered member of _____
(Name of Parish)

and to my knowledge fulfills all the requirements to serve as a sponsor.

Signature of Pastor

Date

[Parish Seal on this page is required]

St. Therese **Confirmation** Sponsor Serve

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Candidate's Name: _____

Parishioner: _____ Non-Parishioner: _____

YOUR SERVICE IS NEEDED!

Confirmation is a time for us as the primary faith witness to get involved. Each sponsor is asked to consider the area that they will participate in during the preparation of their Candidate's Sacramental journey.

Please check any of the areas in which you would like to serve in Ministry.

Confirmation

- Small Group Table Leader
- Small Group Table Leader Support
- Welcoming / Check-in-Aide/ Office Help
- Weekly Videographer
- Retreat support team

In addition parish ministries or the parish that you belong to would not be possible without your involvement. Each sponsor is asked to consider where they would like to help. Please take a look at the opportunities listed below and consider where you might be able to be plugged in! If you do not belong to Saint Therese we encourage you to get plugged in at your parish.

Weekend Masses

Preferred Mass: Saturday: 4:30_____ Sunday: 8_____ 10_____ 12_____ 5_____

- Music ministry (Vocal____ Instrumental_____)
- Lector
- Usher
- Welcome Center
- Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist

Faith Formation

- LIFE TEEN core member
- EDGE core member
- School of Religion catechist (RE, Sunday School, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd)
- Parent dinner team
- RCIA team

Parish Service Opportunities

- Photography
- Meatloaf Sunday's
- Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen
- Saint Vincent De Paul
- Harvesters Parish Saturday
- Parish Event Volunteer
- Sunday 10am Mass Babysitting
- Christmas Nursing Home/ Retirement Center Visit
- Other: _____

***All Adults must have a Background Check and attend Protecting God's Children before plugging into one of our ministries.**

For more information on any of the volunteer opportunities, please contact Tim Volk at tvolk@sttheresenorth.org or 741-2800 ext. 119

REQUIREMENTS 2014-2015

Requirement

Dates

Candidate

Candidate Formation

- Candidate Application and Essay. Due before September 19 e-mail: tvolk@sttheresenorth.org
- Student Impact Sheet Due before September 19
- Join a small group at LIFE TEEN Sunday's Nights 6:30-8:00 p.m. (look at Schedule)
3rd Floor of Parish Education Center
- 9 catechetical/formation sessions (Only one group). Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wooldridge Center
September 30
October 7, 14, 21
November 4, 11, 18
December 2, 9
- Sponsors and their Candidates: *Attend Retreat, Mass, Celebration Spaghetti Supper, and Reconciliation Service.* Sunday Dec. 14, 1:30-8:30 p.m. Wooldridge Center
- One-on-one Pre-Confirmation Interview. Candidates will schedule, beginning December 29-30
Week of Jan. 5-9 and Jan. 12-16 Parish Office
<http://www.sttheresenorth.org/confirmation-interviews.html>

Candidate and Sponsors Attend Retreat

- Confirmation Retreat Saturday, December 14, 1:30-8:30p.m. Wooldridge Center

Confirmation Celebration

- Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Confirmation REQUIRED. Individual (Will be provided at the Retreat)
- Rehearsal (*attended by Candidate and Sponsor—or Parent if Sponsor cannot attend*). Sunday, January 25, p.m. After the noon Mass 1:00p.m.
Wooldridge Center
- Confirmation Mass Check-in: *Sponsors and Candidates should arrive at the Wooldridge Center no later than 6:20 p.m. so there is sufficient time to check in.* Monday, January 26 6-6:20p.m. Wooldridge Center
- Confirmation Mass and Celebration on January 26, 2015. Monday, January 26, 7:00 p.m. Church

Parents

- 1 one-hour orientation meeting. Sunday, Aug. 24, 3:30-4:30 p.m. or,
Tuesday, Aug. 26, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Wooldridge Center
- Parent essay. Due before September 19 e-mail: tvolk@sttheresenorth.org
- Sign up for a Parent Serve Team. Due before September 19
- 1 one-hour Formation Meeting: *Regarding celebration of Rite and thereafter.* Sunday, Jan. 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
OR Tuesday, Jan. 13, 7-8:00 p.m. Wooldridge Center

Sponsors

- Sponsor Information and Certificate to Serve. Due before September 19
- Sign up for a Sponsor Serve Team. Due before September 19
- 1 one-hour catechetical/Formation Meeting. Sunday, Oct. 12, 3:30-4:30 p.m. or Monday,
Oct. 13, 7:00-8:00p.m. Wooldridge Center
- Sponsors and their Candidates: *Attend Retreat, Mass, Celebration Spaghetti Supper, and Reconciliation Service.* Sunday Dec. 14, 1:30-8:30 p.m. Wooldridge Center
- Rehearsal: *attended by Candidate and Sponsor. If Sponsor cannot attend please have the parent fill in).* Sunday, January 25, p.m. After the noon Mass 1:00p.m.

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY NOTES

Monday, January 26, 2015; 7:00 p.m.

REHEARSAL

- * The rehearsal is scheduled in the Wooldridge Center/Church on Sunday, January 25, 1:00 p.m. after the noon mass.
- * Candidate and sponsor (or if sponsor cannot attend, at least one parent) MUST attend.
- * Please be thoughtful of others and plan on **arriving at the Wooldridge Center no later than 1:00p.m.**, so that we can begin promptly at 1:15p.m..
- * Rehearsal should not last any longer than one hour. We will try to be as efficient as possible, and will try to wrap up early if possible.

CEREMONY

- * Bishop Finn will preside at the confirmation ceremony.
- * Sponsors and candidates should **arrive at the Wooldridge Center no later than 6:20 pm** so there is sufficient time to check in, receive their name tags and line up and recollect.
- * The Rite is celebrated within Holy Mass. The ceremony will be long, so be prepared.
- * There is **no reserved seating for family members/guests**, only for candidates and sponsors.
- * **PLEASE RECALL AND REMIND YOUR GUESTS THAT WHILE WE ARE IN THE CHURCH (whether before Mass, during, or as we prepare for photographs) WE ARE IN A SACRED SPACE.** The occasion of such an important celebration often carries us away, but we need to be mindful and respectful of the Lord present, the place, and others present as well.

LAY "MINISTERS"

- * We are in the process of scheduling **altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and ushers.**
- * If a parent or sibling regularly serves in one of those capacities at St. Therese and would like to be involved in the Confirmation Mass, we would be happy to include you (them). Please sign-up at www.sttheresenorth.org/confirmation.html (Confirmation Mass Ministry Sign-up).

PHOTOGRAPHS

- * **NO PHOTOGRAPHS ARE TO BE TAKEN ONCE THE MASS HAS BEGUN UNTIL ITS CONCLUSION.**
- * As in previous years, a place will be set up for persons wishing to take individual photographs with the Bishop following the Mass. The location will be in the Wooldridge Center so that families and candidates are not delayed in being able to attend the reception.

DRESS CODE

- * The code applies to both teens and sponsors. Teens this year will have a **Red Robe.** Please dress appropriate for Church.
- * **Guys:**
 - Dress slacks
 - Dress shoes with socks
 - Dress shirt, tucked in, with collar
 - Tie is preferred, but optional
 - NO JEANS, NO SNEAKERS, NO T-SHIRTS
- * **Girls:**
 - Dress, skirt and blouse, nice pants suit/outfit.
 - Dress shoes (no flip-flops)
 - Dress/skirt must be to your knee or longer. NO SHORT SKIRTS.
 - Tops/dresses must have sleeves. No spaghetti straps. **IF YOU WEAR A SLEEVELESS DRESS OR BLOUSE, YOU MUST WEAR A SWEATER/JACKET OVER IT, BEFORE and AFTER CEREMONY**
 - No necklines that show cleavage are to be worn
- * **If in doubt, don't wear it. We will send a candidate home to change if he/she is dressed inappropriately.**

RECEPTION

- * This year we will have a hardier reception in the Wooldridge Center following the Mass. **ALL ARE INVITED!**
- * **Certificates and Gift will be available to be picked up at the reception.** Please don't forget to take them with you!