

God is Good!

Sponsors Live Stewardship as a Way of Life

Give to Sponsor
by Aug. 26th
Sponsor - Mail to
Beth by Dec. 2nd

"Every good and perfect gift comes from above, from the Father of lights."
James 1:17

Dear Sponsor:

1. Please fill out this form and have it signed by your pastor.
2. Please attach a letter of recommendation (written or typed) for your candidate to be confirmed to this form.
3. Please mail this form and your attached letter of recommendation **NO LATER than Monday, Dec. 2nd** to:

Beth Mercer
2014 NW 46th Street
Topeka, KS 66618

I believe that everything that I have is a gift from God, and that I must be a good steward (caretaker) of these gifts through my example and my actions. I believe that I am a good example of my Catholic Faith, and affirm that I fulfill the following prerequisites for being a Confirmation sponsor. (Please mark all that apply)

_____ I have been Confirmed in the Catholic Church

_____ I am 16 years or older

_____ I will attend **all** of the following events:

- Candidate/Sponsor Retreat
September 29, 2018
- Rehearsal
February or March – date & time *tba*
- Confirmation
February or March – date & time *tba*

_____ My **letter of recommendation** on behalf of the candidate is **attached to this form**.

- Contains the name of the candidate and sponsor, including the sponsor's signature and date.
- contains the sponsor's support and affirmation of the candidate for Confirmation

_____ I participate in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days

_____ I practice my faith in the workplace, in my home and in my civic life

_____ I support my parish with my time, talent and treasure

The responsibility that I shall assume as Sponsor is clear to me and I am willing to assume this obligation. By prayer and example, I hope to lead, encourage and support:

Name of Candidate for Confirmation

Sponsor (please print)

Signature of Sponsor

Pastor: On behalf of our parish community, I recommend the above person as a sponsor for Confirmation.

Signature of Pastor

Name of Parish

Stand By Me: choosing a sponsor

"Better is a neighbor near at hand than a brother far away."
Proverbs 27:10

Please use this form in choosing a sponsor. Before you select a sponsor, give this form and the next form (or a copy) to him/her, so that he/she may better decide whether or not to accept the responsibility.

Our Christian life is a journey in faith. As Christians we know that we do not have to make this journey alone. We have the support of our brothers and sisters in faith, men and women whom we can turn for support and assistance.

The role of the Confirmation sponsor is to serve as a "traveling companion and an example of how to live a faith-filled life" for the candidate. The sponsor assists the candidate in looking at his/her life, seeing how God is involved, and charting a course for the future that will lead an ever deepening faith.

Therefore, the most significant thing that can happen between the candidate and sponsor is that a relationship develop that will allow them to talk openly and honestly about their common faith in Jesus Christ. We have developed several specific activities for the sponsor. We see these as aides to the candidate and sponsor as they develop this kind of relationship. We ask the sponsor to keep this purpose in mind during all the activities. May the Lord reward you with a productive journey!

We ask the following of sponsors:

1. Sponsors must be confirmed, practicing members of the Catholic Church. The next page must be completed and have the signatures of both the sponsor and the sponsor's pastor. (Completion deadlines are on that form)
2. The sponsor must write a letter of recommendation on behalf of the candidate for Confirmation.
All that is required of the letter is that it . . .
 - Contains the name of the candidate and sponsor, including the sponsor's signature and date.
 - contains the sponsor's support and affirmation of the candidate for Confirmation
 - Attach to the form in #1 and follow deadline instructions on that page.
3. Sponsors must be 16 years old or older.
4. Parents may not sponsor their own child(ren); however they might make a great sponsor for another candidate!
5. Candidates must select sponsors who can participate fully in the preparation program, including the following events:
 - Candidate/Sponsor Retreat – September 29, 2018
 - Confirmation Rehearsal – February/ March 2019 (TBA)
 - Confirmation Sacramental Celebration – February/March, 2019 (TBA)