

# Choosing a Sponsor

Please take seriously the task of choosing your Confirmation Sponsor. Your Sponsor should be far more than an honorary position. A Sponsor should be a spiritual guide to you now and hopefully throughout your life. You should choose a person whom you admire as a Catholic Christian, someone who lives our faith in a way you would like to emulate and who will help you in your faith journey.

In choosing your sponsor, consider these qualities:

- The sponsor should be at least 16 years old with sufficient maturity to walk with the candidate.
- The sponsor should be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church.
- The sponsor should have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- The sponsor should be legally able to serve as sponsor, with no impediments of Catholic Canon.
- The sponsor may not be the natural or adoptive parents of the candidate.
- The sponsor does not need to be a member of the St. James parish.

Your sponsor should be able to do these things during your Confirmation Process:

- Attend one of the parent and sponsor meetings on Sunday, August 18 (9:15am or 6:00pm)
- Attend the following sessions (also noted on the schedule): Session on October 20, Community Service Day on November 30, and Confirmation practice (dates TBD)
- Initiate conversations following each student session (conversation guides will be provided)
- Plan a “Catholic Experience” with you between December 26 and January 17 (more details/specifics will be provided at the parent/sponsor meetings).
- Regularly and actively pray for you, especially as you prepare to be confirmed.

As you choose a sponsor, consider your godparents, your religious education teachers, parents of your friends, and adults of our parish who have impacted your faith journey. If you need assistance in finding a sponsor, we will help to connect you with a St. James parishioner who will walk with you on your Confirmation journey. Sponsor should be selected by September 15.

***This form only needs to be completed if the information was NOT provided on the registration form.***



## Sponsor Form

***Confirmation 2024-2025***

Confirmation Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First and Last Name)

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First and Last Name)

Sponsor’s Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(write legibly, please)

**Is the sponsor under 18? If yes, parent/guardian information is required.  Yes  No**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First and Last Name)

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(write legibly, please)