



Year 1 – High School Youth Ministry & Faith Formation 2025-2026

Greetings High School Parents and Teens of Year 1 Confirmation Preparation! **Registration & payment is now online.**

If you have not registered your teen as of yet, please do the following:

- Register online. The link can be found on the parish website.
- Submit full tuition payments. Payments can happen online or pay by check or cash. If paying by cash or check, tuition can be dropped off at the RE Office or in the outdoor drop box located outside the Gathering Area doors (Door A).
- Registration & Tuition deadline is July 1, 2025.

Elements of Year 1 Confirmation Preparation: Our two-year Journey Confirmation Program focuses on using a variety of methods to prepare high school teens to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation including:

1. **Large Group Catechesis** – These consist of our “Journey Nights”, which are large group, often high energy, keynote speaking events offered 2-3 times a year, to be attended by BOTH teens and *at least* one parent.
 - **Parent/Teen Meeting: Tues. April 26, 2025 or September 8th, 2025**
 - **Journey Night dates** for 2024-2025 are TBD. You will be notified once we have the dates.
2. **Small Group Catechesis** – This helps teens build community and explore faith on their level. For Year 1 this means meeting at St. Thomas roughly twice a month in small faith sharing group 10 times. Confirmation Small Group **Kick-off is on September 21, 2025, from 11:30-6:00pm at Camp Manitoqua.** Once we have leaders, we will send out dates for small groups starting mid-September to beginning of October.
3. **Prayer** – Teens are asked to participate in 2 Prayer Experiences their first year of preparation. These prayer experiences are ones that can be done on their own or may also be one that is offered at the parish. (Note that in Year 2 of preparation, teens are required to attend a 3-day LIFE Retreat experience held at St. Thomas).
4. **Service** – A crucial part of our faith is the calling to reach out as the hands and feet of Christ to help those most in need. Candidates for Confirmation are required to complete and document **20 hours of community service** for their first year in the program and 10 service hours for the 2nd year.
5. **Sponsor/Saint Name** – Confirmation candidates choose their sponsor and Saint name in Year 1.
6. **Class Liturgy** – This involves attending a “class Mass” for all teens and parents involved in the Confirmation preparation. The Mass date will be forthcoming.

*******SMALL GROUP LEADERS NEEDED*******

Once we have more leaders, we will send out instructions for small group sign-up. Registration will save the date and time for your teen unless we do not have enough leaders for that time. The earlier you sign up the better. For some sessions, we have more than one Year 1 small group at a time. Please consider co-leading a group. Training and support is provided. Contact Dorothy if you want more information or if you are interested in a homeschool option.

Peace & Prayers,
Dorothy Grantham, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry
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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church: PreK – High School Confirmation
Online Registration Guide 2025-2026

As we navigate this new online process, please follow this guide as you go through the steps to register.

Please contact Jenni in the Faith Formation office at readmin@stapostle.org or 630-355-8980 x 118 with questions. You can expect an email or phone call within 1-2 business days of leaving a message/sending an email.

1. Create your Family Profile via [REGISTRATION LINK](#) or the **QR code**

Must Include:

- Your email and cell number are for St. Thomas RE use only.
- Children’s Medical Insurance Information
- Children’s Family Physician Name & Phone Number
- 2 Emergency Contacts for your child(ren). *These must be other than a parent.*
- Receipt of Joliet Diocese Policies found here (select yes for each one):
<https://www.stapostle.org/religious-education/registration-forms/>
- This information only needs to be entered once, in your profile, and will then be on file for your whole family. **Your registration will not be considered complete without this information.**



2. Add your spouse if applicable. Include email and cell number for RE communications.
3. Add only your children who will be participating in PreK – 8th grade RE.
4. When you have all your children and hit ‘No’ when asked if there are any more children, you will be taken to a closing message. Choose the PreK-8th Registration link.
5. Click on the Grade Level.
6. Choose the child for this grade.
7. Repeat for each child you are registering.
8. Your child’s name will appear in a green box for the grade in which they have been registered.
9. Once done registering all of your children, close this tab and you will see a confirmation of registration.
10. You will receive an email from mail@flocknote.com to confirm your signup. Please file this email for future reference.
11. Tuition Payment
 - 1 Teen = \$240 2 Teens = \$420
 - Tuition payment can be paid online [St Thomas the Apostle Church - NAPERVILLE, IL | Online Giving](#) :
 - Tuition payment can also be paid by cash or check.
 - If paying by cash or check include your family name and children’s names.
 - Please mail your payment or drop it off at St. Thomas (drop box located outside of door A)
St. Thomas the Apostle
Attn: Faith Formation
1500 Brookdale Road
Naperville, IL 60563

Please register by July 1 to be enrolled in High School Confirmation Prep. Please understand registration is rolling and Small Groups may reach capacity. The earlier you register the better chance you have to get your preferred day.



Participant Name	FIRST	LAST		
Address			City	Zip
Parent Name	Parent / Guardian 1		Name Parent/Guardian 2	
Parent Cell			Cell Parent/Guardian 2	
Parent Email	Parent / Guardian 1		Teen Cell - (HS Students ONLY)	
Parish Name			City	Zip
School Attending			City	Zip
Date of Birth		Age	Grade	M F

GENERAL PERMISSIONS

I request that my child: _____
be allowed to participate in: _____

I hereby release and indemnify my parish, its staff, volunteers, and the Diocese of Joliet from any and all liability arising from claims of any kind or nature whatsoever from my child's participation in this event.

I agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and personal representatives, to hold harmless and defend Parish:

And the Diocese of Joliet, its officers, directors, agents, employees, or representatives from any and all liability for illness or death arising from or in connection with my participation in the trip.

CODE OF BEHAVIOR

I acknowledge that I am representing our diocese/parish during this event, and I will represent us well. I will adhere to all Diocesan Guidelines and display responsible, mature, and respectful behavior in my words, actions, and usages.

EXPECTATIONS

- All participants are expected to arrive on time.
- All participants are expected to demonstrate respect and common courtesy at all times. Inappropriate language/behavior/conduct will not be tolerated.
- Socializing should always be done in public areas.
- Dress should reflect the values of modesty and respect, and inscriptions and images on clothing should reflect Christian values.
- The possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- The possession of any illegal substances is prohibited and subject to legal action.
- Smoking, vaping, e-cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, and cannabis in any form are prohibited.
- Weapons and/or drug paraphernalia are prohibited.

INFRACTION OF THESE RULES CAN MEAN IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL WITH NO REFUND.

I understand and agree to the Code of Behavior. I also understand and agree that at the time of an infraction requiring my dismissal my guardians (if under the age of 18) will be notified and/or I will be responsible for any and all costs related to the participants dismissal from activities and any all costs assessed by local authorities.

Parent/Guardian initial _____ Participant initial _____

MEDICAL PERMISSION FORM

I grant permission for the administration of First Aid to my child: _____ by the people in charge of the event and those transporting my child to and from the event as their judgement deems advisable and to make the necessary referrals to qualified physicians for the treatment of illness or accidents of a more serious nature. I understand I will be promptly notified in the event of any serious illness or accident and prior to any major surgery, except when delay of such communication would endanger life. In the case of a medical emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian of the participant. In the event that I cannot be reached I hereby give permission to the physicians selected by the adult staff to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for and to order injections, anesthesia or surgery if deemed necessary for my child.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

ALLERGIC TO MEDICATIONS: YES NO

If YES, please describe: _____

ALLERGIC TO OTHER: _____

OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Policy in the name of: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____ I.D.# _____

Insurance Phone: _____

Authorized Physician: _____

Physician Phone: _____

VIDEOS, PHOTOS, and VIRTUAL PLATFORMS

Video/photos may be taken during this event. This authorization form constitutes permission for my child's participation in video and/or photos, which may be used for future promotional efforts, including the Parish and/or Diocese of Joliet website. *Additionally*, this form constitutes permission to participate in virtual platforms such as Zoom, Google, Seesaw etc. for the purpose of programmatic content. If you wish to opt out initial here:

Parent/Guardian Initial to Opt Out of Photos _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

In the event of an emergency please contact:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relation _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relation _____

Participant Signature		Date
Parent/Guardian Signature		Date