




DIocese of Springfield in Illinois

Dear Parents,

We are excited to celebrate your child's upcoming sacrament(s) at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield! What a beautiful blessing to share in the sacraments together as a parish and diocesan family! We hope this letter provides you some helpful details about the day's events.

Arrival

- Registration begins at 5:30 PM on Tuesdays and 9:30 AM on Saturdays in the Cathedral Atrium. When planning your arrival, please know that the Cathedral parish celebrates their normal weekday Masses at 5:15 PM on Tuesdays and 8:00 AM on Saturdays.
- Parking is available directly behind (west of) the church on 5th Street and in the lot north of the church on Lawrence Avenue. Look for these signs: 
- Please proceed to the Atrium to check in when you arrive. Hospitality staff will be available to assist with directions.
- The Confirmandi will attend a presentation with Bishop Paprocki in the Cathedral Hall at 6:00 PM for Tuesday celebrations or 10:00 AM for Saturday celebrations.
- Mass begins at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays or 11:00 AM on Saturdays.



Seating

- There is reserved seating in the front pews for Confirmandi and sponsors. Seating assignments are printed on the name tag that are received at the registration table.
- Sponsors are seated in the row behind their Confirmand.
- Parents and guests may sit along any of the side pews of the Cathedral or in any of the pews in the main rows that are not reserved.
- Since seating capacity in the Cathedral Church is limited, each Confirmand may have a sponsor and 8 other guests. Live streaming is available for guests who are unable to attend.

Invitation to Parents & Guests

- While Bishop Paprocki is meeting with the Confirmandi, there will be an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration and Confession in the church. All are invited to participate.
- Please pray for the Confirmandi as they make their final preparations for receiving the sacraments.

Hospitality & Photography

- Bishop Paprocki return to the front of the altar for a group photo after the Mass. Hospitality staff will provide instructions.
- After the group photos, if your family would like a photo with Bishop Paprocki, please join the receiving line to meet with Bishop Paprocki and take a photo.
- The celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist is a public event that will be live streamed. Links to these live streams are available on the Cathedral parish website <https://spicathedral.org>. If you have concerns about your child being shown in the live stream, please contact your pastor or Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist coordinator.
- Treats will be available for the Confirmanti after the Mass.

Assisting with Mass

- If family members would like to help as servers or readers, please let your parish Confirmation coordinator know well in advance as these are assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Thank you for reviewing the contents of this letter. Should you have any questions, please contact your parish Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist coordinator in your parish. Or ask a Hospitality Staff Member at your celebration.

Yours In Christ,

Cathedral Confirmation Committee