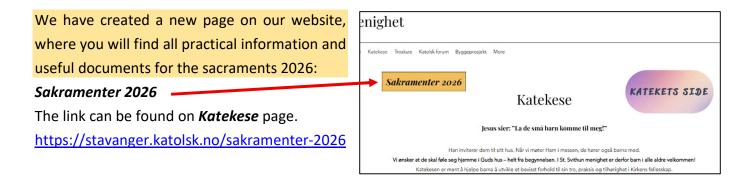
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Confirmation 16th of May 2026 at St Svithun parish

The candidates for the sacrament will be confirmed on Saturday 16th May 2026 by the Bishop of Oslo.



Documents

To plan for Confirmation, we request the following:

- Fill in the **Notice for Confirmation** (*write neatly*) and deliver it to the parish office (*either to the secretary or to the catechesis coordinator*) by **December 31**st, **2025**.
- Deliver/send us a copy of the **Catholic baptism certificate** of the candidate (*either to the secretary or to the catechesis coordinator*) by **December 31**st, **2025**. If the confirmand was baptized at St. Svithun, we already have it. *It is necessary for us to have this certificate, as we are obligated to send a confirmation message to the baptismal parish*.
- The **confirmation sponsor** must be over 16 years old and have been baptized and confirmed Catholic. We do not need the sponsor's baptism certificate, just your word . If you have trouble finding a sponsor, please contact the catechesis coordinator; we are here to help.

Candidates who have not yet received their <u>first Holy Communion</u> will receive it simultaneously with the sacrament of Confirmation. Parents/guardians must also fill in the **Notice of First Communion** and deliver it to the parish office (*either to the secretary or to the catechesis coordinator*) by **December 31**st, **2025**.

Confirmation mass

On Confirmation Day we celebrate two masses: one at 10:00 and one at 13:30.

The confirmands from Confirmation-StepB (English RE) will be at 10:00-mass.

The other confirmands choose independently of which teaching group they are in (9A-9B-9C). It is a good idea to agree with confirmation friends in advance .

There will be approx. 30 confirmands in each mass (first come, first served!).

Send your choice by email to the catechesis coordinator.

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Rehearsal and confessions

To prepare for this important event, the candidates will have **rehearsal in the church**. They must also go to **confession**, on the same day as the rehearsal (*unless they went to confession during Easter and have nothing heavy on their hearts*). This is mandatory.

It is an advantage if the candidate comes together with their **Confirmation sponsor**. If the sponsor is unable to attend, a parent/guardian can be a stand-in, and is responsible for explaining to the sponsor what he/she will do during the Mass.

	Confirmation 16 th May 2026	Confirmation 16 th May 2026
	Messe 10:00	Messe 13:30
Rehearsal and confessions	Monday 11 th May 2026	Tuesday 12 th May 2026
(after confession the	Meet in church at 16:55	Meet in church at 16:55
confirmands can go home)	Rehearsal 17:00-18:00	Rehearsal 17:00-18:00
	Confessions 18:00-19:00	Confessions 18:00-19:00
Meeting on Confirmation	09:30 in parish hall	13:00 in parish hall
day		

Practical information

- Arrival: 30 minutes before mass, in the parish hall, fully prepared.
- **Dress code** for candidates is smart attire. We do not use white dresses over the candidates' clothes. Bunad, folk costume, dress, and suit are all great outfits. If dresses are worn, please ensure they are modest and of sufficient length.
- Photography: we have a photographer (volunteer member of the parish) who will take pictures in the
 church, during the mass, of each individual confirmand, and group pictures afterward. All pictures will
 be digital and made available to you without cost after the confirmation. Therefore, we ask that you
 to not take pictures inside the church during the mass, nor to hire a photographer. You are welcome
 to take pictures outside afterward.
- **Church bench**: the confirmation candidates sit together in the first rows. One bench per family with name will be reserved (8-9 people); the sponsor sits with the family. Behind these reserved benches there are unreserved seats for additional guests.

Thank you for your cooperation so that this day will be a great experience for your child and a beautiful celebration! Best regards,

Sabine MONDESERT, Katekesekoordinator i St Svithun