

St Mary Magdalene Confirmation

The custom of choosing a “new name” and being called by that name during the Confirmation liturgy stems from the biblical tradition of a change of name indicating a new or renewed commitment to God. Abraham and Sarah, our parents in faith, were called Abram and Sarai before they made a covenant with God. Peter was called Simon, and Paul was Saul before they became followers of Christ.

The name you choose must be a saint's name. You can verify that the name is a saint's name by looking it upon this website. www.catholic.org/saints/

You are now making a renewed commitment to your faith and your commitment is be symbolized with the taking of a new name to show that you are in some ways a new person.

The name you choose should represent the direction you feel your faith life is taking, or would represent a strength or attribute you feel you need. It is important and necessary to know something about the saint before you decide on that name. This option of taking a new name is not to be used because you like the sound of the name, how it fits with your other names, or because it is the name of a nice friend or relative!

This new name would be used after your present middle name and before your family name.

(Please Print)

I have chosen _____ **for my Confirmation name.**

If you have selected a saint such as St. Catherine of Siena, make sure you enter the name above as you want your Confirmation name to be recorded in the Church records.