

Confirmation Preparation Checklist

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish, Fenton, MI

Students are expected to complete the following requirements before they will be considered for candidacy for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

- ☐ Complete an initial intake interview with the coordinator of the Confirmation program
- ☐ Complete the [student registration form](#)
- ☐ Request/submit updated [sacramental records](#)
- ☐ Select a confirmation saint name and [submit form](#)
- ☐ Select a confirmation sponsor and [submit form](#)
- ☐ Participate in the confirmation liturgy practice (**March 19, 2023 @ 1:00pm in the Main Church**)
- ☐ Demonstrate Christian service by actively engaging in 20 hours of service and [submit forms](#)
- ☐ Participate in any **one** or all of the following retreats:
 - ☐ Summer: Steubenville [Summer Youth Conference](#) - June 24-26, 2022, Steubenville, OH
 - ☐ Fall: St. John Fall High School Retreat - October 21-23, 2022, **Location TBD (Details to follow)**
 - ☐ Spring: St. John Spring High School Retreat - January 27-29, 2023, **Location TBD (Details to follow)**
- ☐ Complete **ALL** of the following units of catechetical formation:

Unit/Topic	Available Sessions		
	SUNDAYS 9:45am - 11:15am	TUESDAY 6:30pm - 8:00pm	REMOTE Self Paced
Units 1 & 2 - Why am I here?/What makes me happy?	09/25/2022	09/27/2022	Self Paced
Unit 3 - What's your story God?	10/02/2022	10/04/2022	Self Paced
Unit 4 - How do I know God is real?	10/09/2022	10/11/2000	Self Paced
Unit 5 - Who is Jesus?	10/16/2022	10/18/2000	Self Paced
Unit 6 - Why be Catholic?	10/30/2022	10/25/2000	Self Paced
Unit 7 - Where am I going?	11/06/2022	11/01/2022	Self Paced
Units 8 & 9 - A roadmap for the journey	11/13/2022	11/08/2022	Self Paced
Unit 10 - Why tell my sins to a priest?	11/20/2022	11/15/2022	Self Paced
Unit 11 - How does God help when it hurts?	12/04/2022	11/29/2022	Self Paced
Unit 12 - Who is the Holy Spirit?	12/11/2022	12/06/2022	Self Paced
Unit 13 - What does the Holy Spirit do for me?	12/18/2022	12/13/2022	Self Paced
Unit 14 - Why have I been Chosen?	01/08/2023	01/10/2023	Self Paced
Unit 15 - Why do I have to go to Mass?	01/15/2023	01/17/2023	Self Paced
Units 16 & 17 - Vocations and Vocational Discernment	01/22/2023	01/24/2023	Self Paced
Unit 19 - Who is Mary?	02/05/2023	02/07/2023	Self Paced
Unit 20 - What would Jesus do?	02/12/2023	02/14/2023	Self Paced
Unit 21 - Do I have what it takes? Virtue	02/19/2023	02/21/2023	Self Paced
Unit 22 - God's plan for love and sex	02/26/2023	02/28/2023	Self Paced
Unit 23 - How do I build the Kingdom?	03/05/2023	03/07/2023	Self Paced
Unit 24 - Where do I go from here?	03/12/2023	03/14/2023	Self Paced

***Confirmation Masses are typically held in mid to late March of each year. In order to be considered for candidacy, each student must complete the requirements above by the end of February of the anticipated year of Confirmation.

To the staff at _____ Parish/Church,

The student listed below will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish in Fenton, MI. Our information indicates that the student was baptized at your parish/church. We are in need of an official and updated sacramental record for this student. Please forward this official and updated Baptismal record, bearing the parish seal, to:

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish
Attn: Office of Youth Ministry
600 N. Adelaide
Fenton, MI 48430

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's Full Name

Student Place of Birth

Student Date of Baptism

Mother's Full Name (Including Maiden Name)

Father's Full Name

Sincerely,



Alan Day

*Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries/
Communications Coordinator*

Office: (810) 373-0689

Email: Alan@StJohnFenton.org

Student's First and Last Name_____



Confirmation Saint Form

Students, and parents please:

1. Review "A Candidate's Guide to Choosing a Confirmation Saint"
2. Read, pray, and study
3. Select a saint
4. Complete and sign the form

Due by the end of February

A CANDIDATE'S GUIDE TO CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION SAINT

When we are confirmed, we take on a new name as a symbol of our new life in the Spirit. There are very few "requirements" around this process as it is mostly a beautiful part of our Catholic culture, but here are a few pointers to help you along the way:

DOs and DON'Ts of Confirmation Saints:

- **Do:** Find a saint that you can relate to in some way or was maybe even similar to you at some point in life.
 - **Don't:** Play patron saint roulette, drop your finger on a saint index, and call it good.
- **Do:** Spend some time reflecting on what saints may have already had an influence on your life growing up.
 - **Don't:** Forget to ask your family about saints that may have a connection to family traditions.
- **Do:** Spend some time in prayer asking for the intercession of the saints and guidance from the Holy Spirit.
 - **Don't:** be shy about this one, have courage and confidence in your prayer.
- **Do:** Start researching saints early to give yourself plenty of time to be thoughtful in your selection of a patron saint.
 - **Don't:** Arbitrarily select St. John the evangelist simply because it's the name of our parish, or Mary just because you couldn't think of anything else.

A few notes on confirmation saints:

- Your patron saint should be one that is recognized by the canons of the Roman Rite. If they seem to be more of a myth or legend, dig a little deeper. Our patrons are intended to lead us deeper into the Christian mysteries, not those of the world.
- Your confirmation saint should be one that inspires you to grow in holiness and virtue, to draw closer to the heart of Christ, and understand why we want to get to heaven.
- Your confirmation saint does not have to be of the same gender as you. It is not uncommon for young men to choose Mary the Mother of God because of her spiritual maternity, or young women to take the names of saints like Thomas Aquinas, Ambrose, or John of the Cross.
- You are not limited to Canonized Saints or people who walked the earth. You may choose Blesseds and Archangels too. Just ensure that they are recognized by the Roman Rite.
- Be cautious where you source your information. If something seems unreliable or you are not sure what to think, ask one of the volunteers or staff around the parish, we are always willing to help you out.

Don't know where to start? Here are some places to look:

- "Butler's Lives of the Saints" - It's a book, and the editions are many and varied
- The parish Library - Yes we have one, and there are tons of books and encyclopedias on the lives and writings of the saints. Don't know where the parish library is? Ask around, someone will point you in the right direction.
- The Internet - Yes, you can look there too, but be careful, not all of it is accurate or helpful. Some great sites that are reliable are:
 - USCCB.org
 - EWTN.com
 - Catholic.org
- Ask your confirmation team. We love helping students find their saint

Confirmation Saint Form

Once you have spent some time reading, reflecting, and praying, please fill out the form below. Please do your best to fill in all the boxes to the bottom. This is your opportunity to demonstrate that the process of selecting a saint has been a meaningful and fruitful experience. Please write in an essay format with an informational tone.

What is the Name of the Saint you have chosen?

Tell us about the life of this saint. (biographical information such as: when and where they were born, what their life was like, etc...)

What is this saint known for/the patron of and why?

After spending time in prayer, tell us about why you are choosing this saint, what draws you to them, what quality or virtue do they have that you hope to imitate or grow in, etc...

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Use this space to paste an image of the saint and maybe even things that the saint is known for or associated with.

Student's First and Last Name_____



Confirmation Sponsor Form

Students, parents, and sponsors, please:

1. Review "A Candidate's Guide to Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor"
2. Complete the interview
3. Read and sign the form

Due by the end of February

A CANDIDATE'S GUIDE TO CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

There are two key things that you must take into consideration when choosing a confirmation sponsor. First, a sponsor must meet certain eligibility criteria established by the Church. Second, your sponsor **should** be awesome! Here is a guide to walk you through both:

What is required to be a confirmation sponsor?

- A sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (by date of Confirmation).
- A sponsor must have been initiated in the Catholic Church through the three sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- A sponsor must be in good standing with the Church:
 - The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) lays the precepts or norms of life as a faithful Catholic. They are as follows: Honor the Lord on Sundays by actively participating at Mass and resting from work that impedes sanctification of these days; Participate in the Sacrament of Confession at least once a year; Participate in worthy reception of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season; Observe the Church's Holy Days of Obligation, Observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence from meat; and Support the Church in Her needs through Stewardship (time, talent, treasure). The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life, bound to and nourished by liturgical life. (ccc 2041-2043) One must be striving to live a moral life and fully support the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- A Sponsor must display a visible commitment to living out the Catholic faith and have the ability and intention to carry out his/her responsibility as a spiritual guide in your life.
- A sponsor cannot be a parent of the one to be confirmed.
- Church teaching states that it is "desirable that the godparent at Baptism also be the sponsor at Confirmation", however the selection of a special sponsor is also permitted.

What makes a confirmation sponsor awesome?

- Your sponsor should be someone that you have regular contact with
- The person you choose as your sponsor should be someone that you admire and respect and who actively lives out the beliefs of our Catholic faith.
- Your sponsor should be someone that you trust and feel comfortable turning to for help, advice, and guidance, especially in regard to your spiritual life.
- After you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you and your sponsor are called to lead each other closer to God, to continue to grow in knowledge of your faith, and to challenge one another to lead lives of holiness and service.
- Your sponsor should be someone who actively and regularly prays. Not only should they have a regular prayer life, but they should be praying with and for you and your journey with the Lord.
- Your sponsor should be someone who listens and has your back while still helping keep you on the right track by inspiring you to greater levels of holiness.

One final note on Confirmation Sponsors

Ideally your sponsor should attend the Confirmation rehearsal and the actual liturgy, but if your sponsor is unable to attend either of these, another adult (including a parent), may stand in his/her place as a proxy. The name of your sponsor will still be noted in the official Church record of your Confirmation.

Confirmation Sponsor Interview

*****To be discussed by the student and sponsor together*****

Why is your relationship with Christ important to you?

Sponsor's answer:

Student's answer:

What are your expectations of this student/sponsor relationship?

Sponsor's answer:

Student's answer:

What does it mean to be a good Catholic Christian?

Sponsor's answer:

Student's answer:

What is the toughest this about being Catholic and how do you overcome it?

Sponsor's answer:

Student's answer:

Confirmation Sponsor Form

We (student, parent, and sponsor) have done the following:

- ☐ Reviewed "A Candidate's Guide to Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor"
- ☐ Completed the "Confirmation Sponsor Interview" together.
- ☐ Agreed that the proposed sponsor meets the technical criteria to be a sponsor and will strive to uphold their responsibilities as a sponsor moving forward.

Student Name (Printed)	Student Signature	Date
Parent Name (Printed)	Parent Signature	Date
Sponsor Name (Printed)	Sponsor Signature	Date

Student's First and Last Name_____



Confirmation Preparation Service Hours Log

Students, and parents please:

1. Submit the "Plan for Service Form" for approval prior to brinning service hours
2. After completing service hours, log your time
3. Once you have completed the pre established total service hours requirement, submit your log sheet

Due by the end of February

Student's First and Last Name_____

PLAN FOR SERVICE FORM

In the space below, please provide a brief description of how you plan to complete your hours of service including the organization(s)/Ministries that you plan to be involved with.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Student Name (Printed)	Student Signature	Date
Parent Name (Printed)	Parent Signature	Date
Coordinator Name (Printed)	Coordinator Signature	Date

Student's First and Last Name_____

Confirmation Service Hours Log Sheet

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Student Name (Printed)	Student Signature	Date
Parent Name (Printed)	Parent Signature	Date
Coordinator Name (Printed)	Coordinator Signature	Date