

ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Confirmation Program Checklist



Please use this checklist to ensure all Confirmation expectations are met.

- ☐ Retreat permission release form and \$95 fees due September 3, 2022
- ☐ Request for Confirmation addressed to Father Dury due October 9, 2022
- ☐ Candidate Commitment due October 9, 2022
- ☐ Teen attends Confirmation Retreat at Heartland Retreat Center in Marengo, Ohio (Saturday, September 10, 9 am –9 pm)
- ☐ Sponsor Information Form/Statement of Faith due February 5, 2023
- ☐ Sponsors to attend the Day of Reflection with students February 5, 2023, 2:00-4:00 pm in the FFC
- ☐ Service Hour Log and Reflection due April 16, 2023
- ☐ Confirmation Information Form due April 16, 2023

Parents:

We will have a Confirmation rehearsal, date to be determined (most likely in April). The Confirmation date is also to be determined based on the Bishop's schedule.

Please mark these dates in your calendar:

August 28, Confirmation Parent Meeting, 1:00-2:00 pm in the FFC
September 10, Confirmation Retreat: 9:00 am-9:00 pm at Heartland Retreat Center in Marengo
February 5: Confirmandi & Sponsors Day of Reflection 2:00-4:00 pm in the FFC

**SJN Confirmation & HS Youth Ministry
Calendar 2022-2023**

Month	Day	Date	Time	Activity	Location	Who
August	Sun	21-Aug	6-8pm	Family of Faith/Youth Ministry Picnic	FFC/Grounds	
August	Sun	28-Aug	1-2pm	Confirmation Parent Meeting	FFC	Parents of Confirmandi
September	Sat	10-Sep	9am-9pm	Confirmation Retreat	Heartland	Confirmandi & SALT
September	Sun	11-Sep	6-8pm	High School & Middle School Ministry	FFC/Grounds	6th - 8th Graders & 9th -12th Graders in separate spaces
September	Sun	18-Sep	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC/Grounds	9th - 12th Grader
September	Sun	25-Sep	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC/Grounds	9th - 12th Grader
September	Sun	2-Oct	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC/Grounds	9th - 12th Grader
October	Sun	9-Oct	6-8pm	High School & Middle School Ministry	FFC/Grounds	6th - 8th Graders & 9th -12th Graders in separate spaces
October	Sun	16-Oct	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC/Grounds	9th - 12th Graders
October	Sun	23-Oct	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC/Grounds	9th - 12th Graders
October	Sun	30-Oct	6-8pm	Martyr Mayhem	FFC/Grounds	6th - 12th Graders & Families
November	Sun	6-Nov	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC	9th - 12th Graders
November	Sun	13-Nov	6-8pm	High School & Middle School Ministry	FFC	6th - 8th Graders & 9th -12th Graders in separate spaces
November	Sun	20-Nov	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC	9th - 12th Graders
December	Sun	4-Dec	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC	9th - 12th Graders
December	Sun	11-Dec	6-8pm	High School & Middle School Ministry	FFC	6th - 8th Graders & 9th -12th Graders in separate spaces
December	Fri	16-Dec	6:30-8:30pm	Giving Tree Wrapping	FFC	6th - 12th Graders & Families
December	Sat	17-Dec	TBA	Giving Tree Delivery	Off-Site	6th - 12th Graders & Families
January	Sun	8-Jan	6-8pm	Youth Ministry Winter Kick-Off	FFC	9th - 12th Graders
January	Sat - Sun	14-15-Jan	TBA	High School Annual Retreat	Damascus	9th - 12th Graders
January	Sun	15-Jan	6-8pm	High School & Middle School Ministry	FFC	6th - 8th Graders & 9th -12th Graders in separate spaces
January	Sun	22-Jan	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC	9th - 12th Graders
January	Sun	29-Jan	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC	9th - 12th Graders
February	Sun	5-Feb	2-4:30pm	Chosen Sponsor Day of Reflection	FFC/Church	Confirmandi & Sponsors
February	Sun	5-Feb	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC	9th - 12th Graders
February	Sun	12-Feb	1-3pm	High School Ministry - Souper Bowl	FFC/Grounds	9th - 12th Graders
February	Sun	12-Feb	6-8pm	Middle School Ministry	FFC/Grounds	6th - 8th Graders
February	Sun	19-Feb	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC	9th - 12th Graders

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February	Sun	26-Feb	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC	9th - 12th Graders
March	Sun	5-Mar	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC	9th - 12th Graders
March	Sun	12-Mar	6-8PM	High School & Middle School Ministry	FFC	6th - 8th Graders & 9th -12th Graders in separate spaces
March	Sun	19-Mar	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC	9th - 12th Graders
April	Sun	2-Apr	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC	9th - 12th Graders
April	Sun	16-Apr	6-8pm	High School & Middle School Ministry	FFC	6th - 8th Graders & 9th -12th Graders in separate spaces
April	Sun	23-Apr	6-8pm	High School Ministry	FFC	9th - 12th Graders
April	Sun	30-Apr	6-8pm	Family of Faith/Youth Ministry Picnic - Senior Send-Off	FFC	
June	Sun – Fri	18-June - 23-June	TBA	CYSC HS Week (SJN tries to attend this week)	Damascus	High School
June	Sun – Fri	25-June – 30-June	TBA	CYSC MS Week (SJN tries to attend this week)	Damascus	Middle School
July	Fri – Sun	14-July – 16-July	11:00am on Friday – Sunday	Steubenville Youth Conference	Franciscan University	High School

St. John Neumann Catholic Church – Called, Formed, Sent
2022-2023 Making Disciples and Disciple Makers
Sacrament of Confirmation Information and Request Form

Dear Parents,

Your child will be preparing for Confirmation at St. John Neumann in 2023. We are blessed to walk alongside your family on this important mission.

There are many details for Confirmation Preparation – below is what you need to know. Keep this information available for your reference as we embark on this journey and throughout the year. Never hesitate to contact Julie Bando, jbando.saintjohn@gmail.com or Jennifer Glassmire jglassmire.saintjohn@gmail.com at 740-965-1358 with questions.

What's next? **The following items are due August 28, 2022. Please bring these with you to the first Parent Session or mail to Julie Bando, St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury, Ohio 43074:**

- If you have not already done so, complete a Parish School of Religion (PSR) Family Registration Form
 - Confirmation Request Form with Candidate Commitment Form (attached)
 - COPY of Baptismal Certificate if Baptism or First Communion was not received at St. John Neumann
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Sponsor Attends:

February 5: Sponsor Day of Reflection, 2:00-4:00 pm. Please stay tuned for more details!

We will share the date(s) for Confirmation as soon as they become available.

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Other Keys for Preparation:

Pick a prayer partner: Help your teen pick a prayer partner – an adult in the parish that you ask to pray for your child throughout their preparation for Confirmation.

Pick a Sponsor:

The Confirmation Sponsor must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic at least 16 years of age. He/she cannot be a parent; however, the sponsor can be a grandparent or Godparent. This should be someone the candidate trusts in seeking out faith advice and direction. While the popular choice is a family member or family friend, we also recommend small group leaders and ministry leaders. But this is a choice up to the candidate.

Once your child picks a Sponsor:

1. Make sure they set aside February 5th from 2:00-4:00 pm for the Sponsor Day of Reflection
2. Ask them to pray for the candidate and to check-in on their preparation
3. **Give them the Sponsor Information form to complete and send to St. John Neumann – Confirmation, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury, OH 43074 due February 6, 2022.**

Pick a Confirmation Saint Name:

In order to manifest the close relationship of Confirmation to Baptism, the candidates, according to the longstanding custom of the Church, may retain their baptismal name. However, a special name may be chosen if desired, in which case it should be that of a recognized saint of the Church, or a person from scripture (CF Canon #855.) For more information on Saints and biblical characters you can visit the Catholic Encyclopedia www.newadvent.org/cathen

A Saint needs to be selected by November. Between November and February, your child will prepare an oral report on their Saint to present to their family. The oral report should be documented in the Martha system by the parent.

Service:

Jesus calls us to serve those in need. When you make an active commitment to follow Jesus, a part of that commitment is serving others. As such, a component of our program includes community service. We recognize that under the current circumstances, serving others will look a bit different than in years past, but we can all serve each other. Candidates and their families are encouraged to seek 10 hours of service. You may serve in the community (with your parents' permission and following all guidelines regarding masks and social distancing) or you may serve your family, a neighbor, etc. The goal of this requirement is to foster a desire to continue to serve others, long after one is confirmed! Please return your completed service hour log form on April 16, 2023.

The Sacrament of Confirmation completes your child's initiation into the Catholic Church. If you allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life, this will be a year of transformation for your family. We pray that you are open to God, His gifts and plan for your life.

Please request Confirmation at St. John Neumann from Father Dury for your child by completing and returning the form below. There is no perfect answer, please be honest with yourself and God. You can complete on paper or email it to Julie who will present requests to Father Dury, jbando.saintjohn@gmail.com

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Sacrament of Confirmation Information and Request Form

1. How have you shared with your teen the importance of this Sacrament?
2. What is the hope/vision you have for your child after they receive this Sacrament?

Did candidate receive Baptism at St. John Neumann? _____ YES _____ NO (If No, please submit a copy of the Baptismal Certificate)

Did candidate receive 1st Holy Communion at St. John Neumann? _____ YES _____ NO

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this completed form on October 9, 2022.

**Contact us with questions
at 740-965-1358
www.saintjohnsunbury.org**

St. John Neumann Catholic Church – Called, Formed, Sent 2022-2023
Making Disciples and Disciple Makers Sacrament of Confirmation
Information and Request Form - Due October 9, 2022

CANDIDATE COMMITMENT

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

—Jeremiah 29:11

As a baptized Catholic, I am preparing for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, by which I will be more perfectly bound to the Catholic Church and enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the Faith as a witness of Christ.

As a candidate for Confirmation, I promise the following:

I will approach my Confirmation journey with an open mind and an open heart.

I will attend and will fully participate in all *Chosen* sessions and activities.

I will be respectful of the leaders and facilitators of the program and show appreciation for their time and effort.

I will show respect to those in my class who are on the journey with me.

I will attend Mass every Sunday and on all holy days of obligation, either in person or via Livestream.

I will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before my Confirmation.

I will accept more responsibility in my family, parish, and community by putting my talents and gifts at the service of others.

I will commit to daily prayer, praying especially for growth in faith, hope, and love.

As I make these promises, I ask God to give me the grace to be open to his plans for my life—plans he reveals to me in prayer, in my talents and aspirations, and in the encouragement of those who know and love me. I place myself in the loving embrace of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in asking for help in fulfilling this commitment.

Name of Candidate (Print)

Signature of Candidate

Date

Witnessed by:

Signature(s) of Candidate's Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

Sponsor Information

Confirmation Candidate's name: _____

Sponsor's name: _____

Sponsor's relationship to candidate: _____

Sponsor's address: _____

Why have you chosen this person as your sponsor? _____

I acknowledge that my teen has chosen the person named above to serve as his/her Confirmation sponsor. I will do all I can to foster a positive and comfortable relationship between them as they embark on this faith journey together.

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____

This Sponsor Form is due February 5, 2023.

Please make sure your sponsor receives the "For the Sponsor" forms in a timely manner. They are due back to the parish by February 5, 2023

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For the Sponsor

If you have been “chosen” to be a Confirmation sponsor, CONGRATULATIONS! This person sees in you a profound faith commitment, finds trust and knows you are someone who will care about them and their faith. Sounds impressive, doesn't it? It's not all that complicated, but it does take time, a caring heart and a listening ear. Please read the Sponsor's guide provided and complete “Sponsor Form and Statement of Faith” and return it to St. John Neumann Parish by **February 5, 2023**

Save the Date-Sponsor Day of Reflection, Sunday, February 5th from 2:00-4:00 pm. More details will be shared in December.

Don't miss the ceremony. Participating in the ceremony is the easiest part of being a sponsor. We will share the Confirmation date(s) and times as soon as they become available.

Until then: Share your faith story with your candidate. Provide spiritual guidance and serve as a companion and mentor to the candidate. Openly communicate with the candidate, helping the candidate with the questions and concerns that may arise as a result of the Confirmation process.

Pray for and with the candidate.

Your role on Confirmation day is only the beginning. Continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support after the Confirmation ceremony is over.

Confirmation

Candidate's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: State: Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Sponsor's Statement of Faith

I, _____, hereby state that I am:

- A baptized and confirmed Catholic
- A Registered member of Parish _____
- A believer in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, trying to live as I believe

I testify that the above statements are true.

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return completed form by February 5th
St. John Neumann Parish
Attn: Julie Bando
9633 E. State Route 37
Sunbury, Ohio 43074

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Sponsor Information and Guidelines - Due February 5

To most Catholics, being asked to serve as a Confirmation sponsor is a real honor! Please don't feel like you are "putting someone out" by asking them to take on this important role. In selecting your sponsor, please consider the following guidelines:

1. Must be age 16 or older.
2. MUST be a fully initiated Catholic (one who has celebrated Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and practices their faith).
3. May not be the candidate's mother or father.
4. Shares their faith story with his or her candidate and demonstrates a willingness to grow in the faith.
5. Provides spiritual guidance and serves as a companion and mentor to the candidate. The sponsor is willing to openly communicate with the candidate, helping the candidate with the questions and concerns that may arise as a result of the Confirmation process.
6. Attends the Confirmation Sponsor Day of Reflection/rehearsal and Confirmation Rite.
7. Prays for and with the candidate.
8. Sponsors continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support after the Confirmation ceremony is over.

**ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH
CONFIRMATION INFORMATION**

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM by April 16, 2023

(Please PRINT all the information requested)

_____ Candidate's LAST Name	_____ FIRST Name	_____ MIDDLE Name
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_____ Candidate's CONFIRMATION Name	Did candidate receive Baptism at St. John Neumann? YES _____ NO _____
	Did candidate receive 1 st Communion at St. John Neumann? YES _____ NO _____

_____ Date of Baptism	_____ Candidate's Church of Baptism	_____ Certified (Office Use)
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_____ Address of Church of Baptism	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip
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_____ Father's Name FIRST	_____ MIDDLE Name	_____ LAST Name
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_____ Mother's Name FIRST	_____ MAIDEN Name	_____ LAST Name
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_____ Candidate's Address	_____ City	_____ Zip	_____ Phone No.	_____ Age at time of Confirmation
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_____ Sponsor's Name	_____ Sponsor's Address	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip
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Small Group Teacher's Name (if applicable)

- If Baptism WAS NOT RECEIVED at St. John Neumann you will be notified if we do not have a copy of the candidate's Baptismal certificate. If you receive a letter, please respond immediately.
- If the Baptism was not in a Roman Catholic Church, proof of the candidate's Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church must be provided.

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Service Hour Log - Due April 16, 2023

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' ~ Matthew 25:40

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Area of Service (Family, Church, School, Community, World)	Date of Service	Description of Project	Time	Parent Signature

It's up to you to seek your own opportunities to serve! Confirmation preparation is a time for you to transition from having a "passive faith" to having an "active faith."

- **Confirmation Opportunity** - 10 hours of service
- **God's Blessing** – a lifetime of service! ☺

Service Reflection Sheet

Due April 16, 2023

Name: _____

Project: _____

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