

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 9, 2023
- Teen attends Confirmation Retreat at Heartland Retreat Center in Marengo, Ohio (Saturday, September 9, 9 am –8 pm)
- Request for Confirmation due September 17, 2023
- Candidate Commitment due September 17, 2023
- Sponsor Information Form/Statement of Faith due February 4, 2024
- Sponsors to attend the Day of Reflection with students February 4, 2024, 2:00-4:00 pm in the FFC
- Service Hour Log and Reflection due April 7, 2024
- Confirmation Information Form due April 7, 2024

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 20, 2023: Confirmation Parent Meeting, 1:00-1:45 pm, FFC

September 9, 2023: Confirmation Retreat: 9:00 am-8:00 pm at Heartland Retreat Center in Marengo

February 4, 2024: Confirmandi & Sponsors Day of Reflection 2:00-4:00 pm, FFC

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2023-2024 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 2023-2024. 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 Sam Struppa, sstruppa@stjohnsunbury.org or 740-965-1358 with questions.

What's next? **The following items are due August 20, 2023. Please bring these with you to the first Parent Session or mail to Sam Struppa, 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
 - Complete a Retreat Permission Form
 - Submit a COPY of Baptismal Certificate if Baptism or First Communion was not received at St. John Neumann
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Sponsor Attends:

February 4: 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 4th 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 4, 2024.**

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 January. Between January and March, your child will prepare an oral report on their Saint to present to their family or small group.

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.

Candidates and their families are encouraged to seek 10 hours of service. You may serve in the community 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 7, 2024.

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 Sam, sstruppa@stjohnsunbury.org; Sam will present requests to Father Dury.

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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 September 17, 2023.

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

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Making Disciples and Disciple Makers Sacrament of Confirmation
Information and Request Form - Due September 17, 2023

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.

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 4, 2024.

Please make sure your sponsor receives the "For the Sponsor" forms in a timely manner. They are due back to the parish by February 4, 2024

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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 4, 2024**

Save the Date-Sponsor Day of Reflection, Sunday, February 4th 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 4th
St. John Neumann Parish
Attn: Sam Struppa
9633 E. State Route 37
Sunbury, Ohio 43074**

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Sponsor Information and Guidelines - Due February 4

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.

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

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM by April 7, 2024

(Please PRINT all the information requested)

Candidate's LAST Name FIRST Name MIDDLE Name

Candidate's CONFIRMATION Name

Did candidate receive Baptism at St. John Neumann?
YES _____ NO _____

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

Date of Baptism Candidate's Church of Baptism Certified (Office Use)

Address of Church of Baptism City State Zip

Father's Name FIRST MIDDLE Name LAST Name

Mother's Name FIRST MAIDEN Name LAST Name

Candidate's Address City Zip Phone No. Age at time of Confirmation

Sponsor's Name Sponsor's Address City State Zip

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 7, 2024

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

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 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 7, 2024.

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! 😊

