



St. John Vianney Catholic Church

A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Parent Checklist:

- ☐ **Pray:** As your child prepares for this incredible sacrament, the best thing you can do is PRAY with them and for them! Having the faith modeled for them at home will be the most important part of their formation.
- ☐ **Register:** Visit sjvfishers.org to register. Click on the “Faith Formation” tab. Select “Children’s Faith Formation”. You will register your child for Children’s Faith Formation on Sundays **and** Confirmation on Tuesdays.
- ☐ **Mark your calendars:**
 - ☐ Parent and Student Meeting: All Confirmation students and their parents need to attend the meeting on **September 16 at 5:00 p.m.** in the St. Raphael Room. Please register your child prior to the meeting.

Confirmandi Checklist:

- ☐ **Pray:** Go to Eucharistic Adoration! Pray about why you want to receive Confirmation. What Saint is the Lord inviting you to choose for Confirmation? How do you want to serve the Church after you are Confirmed?
- ☐ **Serve:** Part of Confirmation preparation is serving the Church & the community. Use the summer time to line up volunteer opportunities.
- ☐ **Learn:** Start learning about Confirmation and Catholic Saints! There are many resources in the St. John Vianney library and on FORMED.org.
- ☐ **Fellowship:** Saint John Vianney is **your** parish! Join the middle school youth group, VERSO!

Christian Service Hours:

Each Confirmand is required to complete fifteen hours of service. At least five of the service hours must be completed at St. John Vianney. Parents are responsible for overseeing and making sure their children complete and turn their service hours in, on time. For any questions/concerns, email Megan Smith.

Service hours will **not** be counted for: doing chores, babysitting, helping an individual, anything you normally receive compensation for.

Recommended and approved volunteer opportunities:

- St. John Vianney Catholic Church (e.g. vocalist/instrument, altar serve, reader)
- Indianapolis Right to Life
- The Little Sisters of the Poor
- The O’Connor House
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Women’s Care Center
- Birthright of Cicero

Saint's Name:

- A name identifies us and tells others who we are. Confirmands are asked to check into reasons for their baptismal name if they are not already aware of the reason. They may choose a new name as a sign of growth in faith. Additionally, Saint names are to give the Confirmand someone to look up to and be inspired by. They are someone you can call upon and intercede for you through your journey of faith.
- Students will pick a Saint of the same gender. For example, if you are a female, you will pick a female Confirmation Saint.
- To help the students, learn about different Saints, they will be asked to research Saints throughout the year. They are welcome to utilize the St. John Vianney "Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Library", their own personal library, and/or websites like CatholicOnline.org

Sponsors:

- According to Code of Canon Law, **Baptismal godparents are preferred as Confirmation Sponsors because of the unity of Baptism and Confirmation.** This assumes the godparents are practicing the Catholic Faith. However, other practicing Catholics may be chosen as Confirmation sponsors.
- Confirmation sponsors must be mature in their faith and at least 16 years old; this means that he/she must feel comfortable answering questions the Confirmand might have and sharing his/her faith. The sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. A parent may not be their child's sponsor.
- All sponsors must have a form signed by their parish priest stating they are a Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church; if the sponsor is married, he or she must be in a valid marriage according to the Catholic Church. Forms are available at sjvfishers.org.

Eucharistic Adoration:

- Saint John Vianney has weekly Eucharistic Adoration. See bulletin or website for times. Families are also invited to join us for Adoration on the First Friday of every month.
- Perpetual Adoration chapel: St. Louis de Montfort (Fishers, IN) has a perpetual adoration chapel. Be sure to check out their website for more information.

Confirmation Schedule

Classes will meet at St. John Vianney in the St. Raphael Portable. Classes will be from 5:00 – 6:20 p.m. Parents should drop their children off between 4:50-4:55p.m. Parents should pick up their children promptly at 6:20 p.m. Parents are invited to pray with their children during the last 5 minutes of class in the sanctuary.

Sept 23 – Class #1

Oct 7 – Class #2

Oct 21 – Class #3

Nov 4 – Class #4

Nov 18 – Class #5

Dec 2 – Class #6

Dec 16 – Class #7

Dec 30 – ***No Class – Christmas Break***

Jan 10 (Sat) – Confirmation Retreat, 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Jan 13 – Class #8

Jan 27 – Class #9

Feb 10 – Class #10

Feb 24 – Class #11

Mar 10 – Class #12

Mar 24 – Class #13

Apr 7 – Class #14

Apr 9 (Thurs) – Confirmation Rehearsal & Saint Poster Drop-Off, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Apr 12 (Sun) – Confirmation Mass, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Apr 12 (Sun) – Reception & Saint Showcase, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.