

St Edward Church - Confirmation Checklist
9th Grade 2021-2022
10th Grade 2022-2023
November 5, 2022 Confirmation Date: 1pm and 3pm

To Do's at a Glance:

- ☐ **Catholic BioEthics Talk:** Using Our Reason to Address Life and Death Issues of Our Time with Boston College Associate Professor of Moral Theology; Dr. Daniel Daly. [More info about the talk here](#). *If you did not attend, please watch the recording and a meeting will be scheduled with Dn Fred and AMO*
- ☐ **September 10: Fall Confirmation Retreat 1:30pm-6:30pm at St. Edward, includes Mass and dinner** (families invited to private Mass at 5:30pm and meal). All Confirmation candidates are required to attend a Confirmation retreat. *If you cannot make the retreat in its entirety, please inform the faith formation office and note that you must make arrangements to attend an alternative retreat.* [Signup HERE](#)
- ☐ **September 12 2:30-4:30pm or 5-7pm**
September 13 2:30-4:30pm or 6:30-7:30pm Confirmation Candidate Interviews with Fr. Steve and Fr. Gregory along with either Deacon Fred or Anna Mae, [signup HERE](#) (30 minute time slots in groups of 2 or 3)
- ☐ **September 15: Confirmation Name and Sponsor's Name Due** via [Google Form HERE](#)
- ☐ **September 15:**
 - ☐ **Letter to Fr Steve Due** via email [Instructions HERE](#)
 - ☐ **Christian Service Hours AND REFLECTION Due** [Form HERE](#)
 - ☐ **Cornerstone Project Report AND Reflection Due** [Instructions HERE](#)
- ☐ **September 25 2:45-5pm**
September 26 7-8pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation [signup HERE](#) OR seek a more convenient time at another parish and please use this [verification form](#) (due Oct. 1)
- ☐ **October 2 5:30-7:45pm:** Mass/Class and ministry training
- ☐ **October 3 OR October 5: Confirmation candidate and sponsor meeting** and blessing via Zoom and [signup HERE](#)
- ☐ **November 5: CONFIRMATION DAY...**[signup HERE](#) for either the 1pm or 3pm time slot

Sacrament of Reconciliation: September 25 or 26 OR use the [Verification Form](#) (due Oct. 1) and find a parish that suits your schedule. Please consider using this [examination of conscience](#) to help prepare and guide you through the Sacrament

Confirmation Name: Due September 15 by google form

We are NEVER alone on this journey of faith! Not only does the Lord walk with us, but He has given us courageous examples of the saints; normal people who decided to lead extraordinary lives! It is a tradition in Confirmation to pick a **saint name** or **biblical hero**, although it is not necessary. Students, take the time to really think, pray and research about the saint/biblical hero you've selected. Remember, you will be SEALED with the POWER of the Holy Spirit with this name!

If you decide to stay with your baptismal name (either your first or middle name) please do

some research on your saint and perhaps a little bit about why your parents chose it for you beyond a family connection.

Saint Resources:

[Why Are Saints Important to Catholics](#): short video

[Find Your Saint](#): guide to consider making a selection

[Calendar of Saints](#): consider looking up your birthday and which feast day is also celebrated

[Biggest and Best List of Confirmation Saints](#)

Confirmation Sponsor: Due September 15 google form

The Church encourages that the Confirmation Sponsor be a Godparent from Baptism. This choice symbolically strengthens the connection between Baptism and Confirmation. However, it is not mandatory to choose a Godparent, as there are many reasons why this may not be possible or even desirable.

There are a few requirements, however. Your Confirmation sponsor must be

- A confirmed and practicing Catholic who is at least 16 years old
- May not be one of your parents (though a parent may stand in as a “proxy” if your sponsor is unable to attend the day of Confirmation.)

When choosing your Confirmation Sponsor, particularly if it is not one of your Godparents, please consider your values, your goals, your strengths and weaknesses. As with the saint you chose, try to ask someone who complements these qualities in you and someone who is an inspirational example of what it means to be a Catholic Christian in today’s world.

Letter to Fr. Steve: Due September 15 [click HERE for instructions](#). (see attached)

Answer 3 questions as stated in the instructions and address the letter to Fr. Steve and **email it to** stedwardff@ejcatholic.org

Confirmation Candidate Interviews: dates TBD, in-person, signup link to follow

Informal interviews will take place in groups of 2 or 3 students with either Fr. Steve and Fr. Gregory along with either Deacon Fred or Anna Mae. Students will also have an opportunity to share highlights of their Cornerstone Project.

Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor Meeting and Blessing: Oct 3 or Oct 5 [signup HERE](#). Meeting via Zoom. Whether your sponsor will be able to travel to Medfield and join the ceremony or not, this is an opportunity for Candidates and Sponsors to come together at this brief meeting and blessing.

Christian Service Hours Summary and Reflection: Due September 15

Students are required to complete a minimum of 12 hours of service and write a reflection on their experience. A full description of their service commitment is [HERE](#).

Cornerstone Project Reflection: Due September 15 [Instructions HERE](#)

The theme for the Cornerstone project was either “*Finding Christ in Others...Finding Christ in Me*” OR “*Living The Greatest Commandment*”: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ - Matthew 22:36-39

EACH CANDIDATE MUST SUBMIT THEIR OWN CORNERSTONE REFLECTION

Please write how your project relates to either theme.

We are thrilled and grateful to have been part of your student's faith formation journey this year. It continues to be a blessing! And thank YOU for your continued support.

Peace and blessings, [Anna Mae](#) and [Dn Fred](#)