

**St Edward Church - 10th Grade
Confirmation Checklist, Signups and Details
2020-2021**

Dates at a glance:

- ❑ **January 18 and 19:** In-person Reconciliation, signup below
- ❑ **February 4 @7pm** via Zoom and signup: Catholic BioEthics Talk: Using Our Reason to Address Life and Death Issues of Our Time with Boston College Associate Professor of Moral Theology; signup below
- ❑ **February 9 @6:30-8:45pm:** Confirmation Retreat via Zoom, signup below
- ❑ **February 12:** Confirmation Name and Sponsor's Name Due via Google form below
- ❑ **February 20:** Letter to Fr. Steve Due via email
- ❑ **February 21, 23 and 24:** Confirmation Candidate Interviews with Fr. Steve and Fr. Gregory along with either Deacon Fred, Anna Mae or Mrs. Morisi, signup below
- ❑ **February 21 or 24 @7pm:** Confirmation candidate and sponsor meeting and blessing via Zoom and signup below
- ❑ **February 26:** Christian Service Hours Summary AND Capstone Project Reflection Due
- ❑ **March 1:** Last class, remote students as well
- ❑ **March 12 and 13:** Confirmation Day...signup below for your day and time

Sacrament of Reconciliation: January 18 and 19, in-person, [SIGNUP HERE](#)

All Confirmation students must receive Reconciliation prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Catholic Bioethics Talk: Thursday, February 4 at 7pm, via Zoom and [SIGNUP HERE](#)

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.](#) Parents welcome, but please use the same Zoom login as you child because of our account limits

Confirmation Retreat: Tuesday, February 9, 6:30 to 8:45 PM, [SIGNUP HERE](#)

All Confirmation candidates are required to attend a retreat. *If you cannot make the retreat in its entirety, you must make arrangements to attend an alternative retreat.* Please contact Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke immediately if you cannot make the St. Edward retreat.

Confirmation Name: Due Friday, Feb. 12 via [this 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 Friday, Feb. 12 via [this 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 excellent example of what it means to be a Catholic Christian in today's world.

Letter to Fr. Steve: Due Saturday, Feb. 20 [click HERE for instructions](#).

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

Confirmation Candidate Interviews: February 21, 23 and 24, in-person, [SIGNUP HERE](#)

Informal interviews will take place in groups of 3 students with either Fr. Steve and Fr. Gregory along with either Deacon Fred, Anna Mae or Mrs. Morisi. Students will also have an opportunity to share highlights of their Capstone Project whether completed or in process.

Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor Meeting and Blessing: February 21 or 24 at 7pm via Zoom and [SIGNUP HERE](#)

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 Friday, Feb. 26

Students are required to complete a minimum of 10 hours of service and write a reflection on their experience. A full description of their service commitment is [HERE](#).

Capstone Project Reflection: Due Friday, Feb. 26

The theme for the Capstone 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

Please write how your project relates to either theme. If you have not communicated why your project cannot be completed by Feb. 26, please reach out to Anna Mae and Dn Fred to discuss.

Mass/Gospel Reflections: Due Monday, March 1

“What would Jesus do?”...how could we know unless we learn about Jesus through the Gospels and hence grow in relationship with Him. Share and create your personal Padlet: write a short reflection (what spoke to you? How does it/can it relate to your life?) on the Gospel readings each Sunday starting on Oct. 25. [Enter your Padlet HERE](#) if you have not already done so. Have at least 15 done.

CONFIRMATION DAYS: Friday, March 12 or Saturday, March 13 (not March 21st). Because of state and local limitations and adhering to social distancing safety protocols, we must spread the 98 students and families over 6 ceremonies. ***Each candidate is allowed a MAXIMUM of 4 attendees, which INCLUDES the Confirmation candidate.*** Please [SIGNUP HERE](#)

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.

Please reach out with any questions.

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