**9th Grade**

**Confirmation Schedule**

**2023-2024**

**Rite of Enrollment Mass**

Tuesday March 7, 2023 at 7:00pm in the church. Meeting at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria before Mass.

* **Fall 2023: Sunday September 24, Candidate (teens) and Sponsor meeting at 1:00-2:30 pm in the cafeteria.**

**Dates for Confirmation Sessions Are Wednesdays:**

* **Wednesday, 10/25 at 6:30-8:00pm**
* **Wednesday, 11/29 at 6:30-8:00pm**
* **Wednesday, 12/20 at 6:30-8:00pm**
* **Wednesday, 1/31 at 6:30-8:00pm**
* **Wednesday, 2/28 at 6:30-8:00pm (Sponsors and Candidates)**

**Interviews**

January or February of 2024, dates will be confirmed in the fall.

**Confirmation Letter and Service Project Reflection Sheet**

Due Feb. 28th, 2024 see the instructions included in your folder. Letter and Reflection sheet can be mailed to: Jen Nelson at 201 E. Cass St., St. Johns, MI 48879, brought to a session, or scanned to dre.stjoseph@gmail.com.

**Confirmation Retreat**

**The date is February 9-11 2024**, at St. Francis Retreat Center/Bethany House in DeWitt. A local Diocese of Lansing young adult group called, *Fearless Ministries* will be leading the retreat (go to Fearlessministries.net for more info about them). You will receive a detailed emailing closer to the retreat date. No one may leave this retreat except for emergency reasons. Please give coaches & drama instructors advance notice of this retreat. The Bishop expects that all youth attend a Confirmation retreat prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

 **Confirmation Practice**

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the church. Sponsors and candidates need to attend. If a sponsor cannot make practice a parent may stand in. Practice lasts approx. one hour.

**Confirmation**

Official Confirmation Mass date is planned for March of 2024. The Office of The Bishop will let us know in the summer what date we receive. Mass will be here at St. Joseph Parish, unless we have low numbers, then it will be at St. Mary Cathedral.

**Dress for Confirmation**

**Girls:** Dresses, skirts or very nice dress pants and good shoes are appropriate for the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Please respect yourself and the sacrament and keep modesty in mind.**  Spaghetti straps must be covered with a sweater, no dress or skirt shorter than 2" above the knee, no under garment may be showing and no low necklines.

**Boys:** Dress pants, dress shirt and tie. Shirts must be tucked in and dress shoes only. (No tennis shoes, T-shirts, or under garments may be showing)

***Textbook/curriculum is called Decision Point by Dynamic Catholic. If your teen misses a session, please have them watch the video that was missed and answer the questions in the textbook. The website is: DynamicCatholic.com***

***Contact Jen Nelson, for questions at 989-224-8537 or email:*** ***dre.stjoseph@gmail.com***

**9th GRADE CONFIRMATION SESSIONS**

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EACH SESSION.

*Sundays at 1pm in the school cafeteria after the 12pm Mass.*

* October 17
* November 21
* December 5
* January 16

Hospitality Sign-up for each session. Parents are welcome to bring snacks and/or juice drinks for any of the sessions. Sign up sheet is available.

**FOR YOUR REFERENCE:**

MY TEEN’S CONFIRMATION INTERVIEW IS ON\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Interviews take place in the basement of the church meeting areas. Come to the Parish Office entrance.*

I SIGNED UP TO BRING A SNACK OR DRINK ON\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Bring snacks to the school cafeteria right after the Noon Mass on the designated Sundays.*

I signed up to facilitate a small group on\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Small groups will meet in the school cafeteria.*

**SIGN UP SHEET FOR SMALL GROUP LEADERS**

JOURNEY GROUP VOLUNTEERS (PARENTS) THAT CAN HELP FACILITATE A SMALL GROUP SESSION AFTER VIDEOS ARE WATCHED IN THE LARGE GROUP. INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED. SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CAFETERIA.

**PARENTS,**

**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A DATE.**

**(6 PARENTS WOULD BE GREAT FOR EACH DATE).**

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HOSPITALITY/SNACK/DRINK SIGN UP SHEET

We have 50 teens + adult leaders. If we have 3 parents sign up for each session this would help with sharing in the donations. Thank you for helping!

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Ideas for snacks: Individual bags of popcorn, pretzels, apples, fruit bars, juice drinks, cookies, suckers, popsicles etc.