

St. Alphonsus Parish

The Sacrament of Confirmation 2009 - 2010

Grade Seven

School Catechesis

The school catechesis for Confirmation will begin September 2009. The "Stand By Me" program (used in the grade eight year) will now be taught in Grade 7, as this program is designed to augment sacrament preparation for Confirmation.

Parish Session #1

Introduction to the Sacrament of confirmation

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

7p.m. in the church

Parents and Teachers only.

The Role of the Teacher: To attend the session, as we would like to introduce you to the parent community. Also, to be available to answer any questions parents might have regarding the witnessing and service projects.

Ritual #1 (for grades 2 and 7 students)

Rite of Welcoming Families and Prayer Partners

All liturgies on the weekend of:

October 24 / 25, 2009

Mass times are: Saturday, 5p.m. – Sunday, 8:30a.m., 10:00a.m. and 11:30a.m. Parents and Students will attend one liturgy. Students will be invited to come forward for a special blessing. Completed prayer partner sheets will be handed out to the congregation.

*Role of the Teacher: To have students complete the prayer partner sheets (the week before). Sheri McNeil will bring the prayer partner sheets to the school on **Tuesday, October 13th**, and return to collect them on **Thursday, October 22nd**.*

Ritual #2

Rite of Enrollment

All liturgies on the weekend of:

January 16 / 17, 2010

Parents and Students will attend one liturgy. This celebration is to introduce to the parish, the students who will be receiving the sacrament of First Eucharist and the sacrament of Confirmation. Arrangements will be made to have students sign the "Rite of Enrollment" book at school the week of **January 11th**. The book will be presented at all masses January 16th and 17th. Students are to complete their letter of intent to Fr. Ken and bring it to mass.

*January 4, 2010, Teachers will introduce the "Witnessing Projects" to their students. Students must have their witnessing projects completed and marked by **Friday, February 26, 2010**. Sheri McNeil will collect the projects from the classroom at the end of the school day. All projects will be displayed in the church the weekend of **March 6 / 7, 2010**.*

Ritual #3

Christian Witness

All liturgies on the weekend of:

March 6 / 7, 2010

Students will share their witnessing projects at each mass.

Students willing to speak about their projects will sign up the week of March 1st for one of the following mass times: Saturday 5p.m., Sunday 8:30a.m., 10:00a.m., and 11:30a.m. We hope to have two or three students at each mass. All other projects will be displayed in the church. Sheri McNeil will bring the sign up sheets to each classroom, or students are welcome to call – Sheri's number is in the bulletin.

Parish Session #2

Introduction to Service Projects

March 10, 2010

7p.m. in the church

Parents and Students

This session will introduce parents and students to different ideas for service projects. The service projects will be done through the school with the support of home and parish. Students have until **May 3rd** to complete their service projects and have them marked. Each student must have 4 hours of service, plus a written account of their service for marking. For some students this project will be easy, as they are already volunteering; for other students, they will need ideas and support from home, school and parish. *Students may bring their Service Projects to the retreat or Sheri can pick them up the week of **May 3rd**.* Projects will be displayed in the church on the sacrament weekends.

Retreat Days

Full day retreat 9a.m. – 3p.m. upper parish hall

St. Alphonsus School – Tuesday, May 4, 2010

St. Catherine School – Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Students will receive their "Certificates of Readiness" at the retreat.

Receiving The Sacrament Of Confirmation

Students will need to bring their "Certificate of Readiness" and give it to the Celebrant just prior to the Liturgy.

Students may receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on the following weekend masses:

Week One – Saturday, May 15th at 5:00p.m.

Week Two – Saturday, May 22nd at 5:00p.m.

Celebration Mass

Pentecost Sunday – May 23, 2010 All students are invited to participate in all the masses. The 10:00 Family Mass will be dedicated to recognizing all who have received their sacraments. Please plan to attend one mass this weekend if you did not receive Confirmation on the 22nd of May.