

St. Alphonsus Parish
The Sacrament of Confirmation 2011 - 2012
Grade Seven

School Catechesis

The school catechesis for Confirmation will begin September 2011. The “Believe In Me”, is the program used in grade 7. This program is designed to augment sacrament preparation for Confirmation.

Parish Session #1

Introduction to the Sacrament of confirmation

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

7p.m. in the church

Parents and Teachers only.

Ritual #1 (for grades 2 and 7 students)

Rite of Welcoming Families and Prayer Partners

All liturgies on the weekend of:

October 22 / 23, 2011

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. The students will bring their letter to the pastor and submit it as they are introduced.

Ritual #2

Rite of Enrollment

All liturgies on the weekend of:

January 21 / 22, 2012

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 9th**. The book will be presented at all masses January 21st and 22nd. Students are encouraged to participate in the mass.

Parish Session #2

Introduction to Community Service Projects

February 29, 2012

7p.m. in the church

Parents and Students

This session will introduce parents and students to different ideas for community service projects. The service projects will be done through the school with the support of home and parish. *As it is part of their religion mark, the project must be*

completed regardless of whether or not students are receiving the sacrament. The teacher will establish a due date. Each student must have 4 hours of community service, represented by a written description and reflection and pictures 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.

Ritual #3

Christian Witness

All liturgies on the weekend of:

March 3 / 4, 2012

Students will share their Christian Witness projects at each mass.

Students willing to speak about their projects will sign up the week of **February 27th** for one of the following mass times: Saturday 5p.m., Sunday 8:30a.m., 10:00a.m., and 11:30a.m. We would like to have two or three students at each mass. All other projects will be displayed in the church.

Retreat Day

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

Thursday, May 3, 2012

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 2012 Saturday masses:

Saturday, May 12th at 5:00p.m.

Saturday, May 19th at 5:00p.m.

Celebration Mass

Pentecost Sunday, May 27th, 2012 - All students are invited to participate in the 10:00 mass.