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Dear Parents & Families of Children Preparing for the Sacraments:

Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 Sacramental year at St. Rose of Lima Parish. We have included a Sacrament-Specific Calendar for you and your family. Please look it over and record the dates, as they are essential for your child's religious formation and sacramental preparation. The calendar is a brief look at the upcoming year, which is organized by grade level.

- † **Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation:** Students who have had the first year of Religious Education (Grade 1- first year of communion prep) will be preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion and will be attending grades 2 or 3. All sacramental prep students will participate in an Instructional Mass in October where the children will have an opportunity to learn about the vessels, vestments, history, and meaning of the Mass. There are two mandatory workshops, one for Reconciliation in the fall, and one for Communion in the spring. Sacrament dates and times or updates on such will be announced. Parents will always receive information for the upcoming year via our newsletter, bulletin or parish website. This is a very joyous and enjoyable experience for all!
  
- † **Confirmation Preparation:** Preparation for Confirmation is a 2-year preparation process after attending Religious Ed classes consistently from Grade 1. During this time of preparation, all candidates will be called to imitate Christ through acts of service. These acts of service draw our youth closer to God and give them the ability to step outside themselves and be Jesus' hands and feet. St. Irenaeus spoke beautifully about service as he said, "This is man's glory, to preserve and abide in the service of God." Since our current grade 6 students will be confirmed next year, they will be required to commit themselves to 5 hours of service. All other students, those being confirmed in spring of 2024, will be required to complete a minimum of 15 hours of service this year. Also, preparation of the Sacrament includes attendance at a retreat in the first preparation year and second year of preparation. We are happy to be able to provide a retreat specific for each year of preparation. A lot of time and thought goes into the planning of these retreats, so we urge you to make every effort to attend. If you miss your retreat, you will need to find a retreat elsewhere. Confirmation Candidates, Confirmation Sponsors, and/or families will formally commit to Confirmation in October during the Commitment Mass. Preparing for this great Sacrament around the Eucharistic table is a very beautiful and grace-filled experience for you and your families.

It is such a blessing to be here and embark on this journey of faith with you and your children. If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail or call either Mary Craig or Laura DeFelice in the Religious Education Office.

Thank you for fostering your child's faith.

God Bless,

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# Religious Education Sacramental Calendar

## 2023-2024

Grade 2	Grade 6	Confirmation Students (Grades 7 & 8)
<p><u>Instructional Enrollment Mass</u> October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am</p> <p><u>Sacramental Information Form</u> Due November 24</p> <p><u>Reconciliation Preparation</u> <u>In Holy Innocents</u> January 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am &amp; 11:00 am January 11<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm with Parent/Guardian</p> <p><u>Sacrament of First Reconciliation</u> January 27, 9:30am &amp; 1:00pm (Assigned Class Sessions TBD) (Snow Date Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p><u>First Communion Preparation</u> <u>In Holy Innocents</u> March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am &amp; 11:00 am March 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm And 11:00 am Parent/Guardian must attend Butterfly template will be handed out.</p> <p><u>First Communion Rehearsals</u> TBD</p> <p><u>First Communion Ceremonies</u> May 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; TBD 10:00 am &amp; 1:30 pm Ceremonies *(Assigned Class Session TDB)</p>	<p><u>Saints "Mini" Retreat</u> Oct. 28<sup>th</sup></p> <p><u>Service Hour Service Form Due</u> Week of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024</p>	<p><u>Confirmation Commitment Mass</u> October 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 Confirmand, Parent and/or Sponsor; Will fulfill Sunday Obligation</p> <p><u>Shroud of Turin</u> Saturday, Nov. 4; 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm (more info to follow)</p> <p><u>Confirmation Application, &amp; Agreement; Sponsorship Form and Confirmation Name Due</u> Dec. 3<sup>h</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup></p> <p><u>Community Service Hours Log</u> <u>Due</u> Week of Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> During Class Times</p> <p><u>Confirmation Retreat</u> Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Church, one parent must accompany Confirmand</p> <p><u>Saints Projects Due</u> <u>During Class Time</u> Week of February 25<sup>th</sup> during class time</p> <p><u>Confirmation Essay</u> Due Feb. 27<sup>th</sup></p> <p><u>Candlelight Mass</u> TBD</p> <p><u>Confirmation Rehearsal</u> TBD</p> <p><u>Confirmation</u> TBD by Bishop's Office</p>