



ST. ROSE OF LIMA
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Dear Parents & Families of Children Preparing for the Sacraments:

Welcome to the 2025 - 2026 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.

† **Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation:** Students who have had the first year of Religious Education (Grade 1- first year of Communion prep) or enrolled in Journey of Faith classes, will be preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion. All sacramental prep students will participate in an Instructional Workshop on God's House and 2 mandatory workshops, one for Reconciliation and one for Communion. All dates and times for these events are in the Religious Ed calendar and back of this letter. Please refer to the weekly Newsletter and Church Bulletin for updates. This is a joyous and enjoyable experience for all!

† **Confirmation Preparation:** Preparation for Confirmation begins in Grade 6 and continues thru grade 7. Service hours in both 6th and 7th grade will be required along with attendance at a variety of Masses, workshops and retreats that are required by the diocese. A lot of time and thought goes into the planning of these workshops, retreats, and Masses so we urge you to make every effort to attend. If you miss your retreat, you will need to find a retreat elsewhere.

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 2025-2026

Grade 2	Grade 6 & JOF (Upper Grade) 1 st Yr.	Grade 7 & 8+
<u>Instructional Workshop</u> <u>(What's in God's House)</u> † October 25th @ 9:30 am in the Church (This is a workshop for students and parent/guardian) <u>Sacramental Information Form</u> † Due Nov. 19, 2025 <u>Reconciliation Preparation</u> <u>In Holy Innocents</u> January 10th: 9:00 am & 11:00 am January 15th: 4:30 pm (with Parent/Guardian) <u>Sacrament of First Reconciliation</u> January 31, 2026 9:00 am & 12:30 pm (Assigned Class Sessions TBD) (Snow Date Feb. 7th) <u>First Communion Preparation</u> <u>In Holy Innocents</u> † March 21st at 9:00 am & 11:00 am † March 26th at 4:30 pm † Parent/Guardian must attend. † Butterfly template will be handed out. <u>Butterfly Mass</u> † Sunday, April 12, 2026; 11:30 am in the Church <u>First Communion Rehearsal</u> † Ceremony 1; Wednesday, April 29- 4:30 pm † Ceremony 2; Wednesday, April 29- 5:45 pm <u>First Holy Communion</u> † Ceremony 1 – Saturday, May 2; 10:00 am † Ceremony 2 – Saturday, May 2; 1:30 pm † Ceremony 3 – Saturday, May 9; 10:00 am	<u>Saints Workshop</u> † Saturday, Nov. 8 † 9:00 am – 11:00 am in Holy Innocents † Saints Projects Distributed <u>Instructional Mass</u> † Sunday, Nov. 16, 3:00 – 4:00 PM in the Church † Attendance will fulfill your Sunday Obligation. Parent and/or guardian must attend with student. <u>Saints Project Due</u> Jan. 4, 5, & 6, 2026 <u>Confirmation Enrollment Mass</u> Sunday, March 15, 2026 3:00 pm -4:00 PM † Mass will Fulfill Sunday Obligation † Confirmation Packets will be handed out † Service Forms will be due at this Mass	<u>Confirmation Commitment</u> <u>Mass</u> † Sunday, Nov. 2 † 6:30 pm – Parents should attend. † Mass will fulfill your Sunday Obligation † Application for Confirmation and Sponsorship Certificate should be turned in at this Mass <u>Confirmation Retreat</u> <u>(Chris Padgett and Rodd Blessey)</u> † Saturday, Nov. 15, time to be determined, but will run during the course of the day. (Required for Confirmation) <u>Candlelight Mass</u> † Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026 – 6:00 Pm (Letter to Fr. Peter Requesting Confirmation due at this Mass) <u>Service Hour Forms</u> † Due week of Feb. 10, 2026 <u>Confirmation Rehearsals</u> † Ceremony 1; Monday, March 2, 2026 – 4:30 – 5:30 pm in the Church † Ceremony 2; Wednesday, March 4, 2026 – 4:30 – 5:30 pm in the Church <u>Confirmation</u> † Saturday, March 7, Ceremony 1 – 10:00 am; Ceremony 2; 12:00 pm

