

St. Rose of Lima Religious Education
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Dear Parents & Families of Children Preparing for the Sacraments:

Welcome to the 2019 - 2020 Sacramental year here 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 important and required 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.

Second grade students will be preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion. They will participate in an Instructional Mass with Msgr. Bob in October where he will give the children an opportunity to learn about the vessels, vestments, history, and meaning of the Mass. Parents will receive information for the upcoming year at that time. This is a very enjoyable experience for all!

Seventh grade students will formally enroll in the Confirmation Preparation program in October during the Retreat. The eighth-grade students, Confirmation Sponsors, and/or families will formally commit to the last phase of the Confirmation preparation 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.

Seventh and eighth graders are uniquely called to imitate Christ through acts of service, especially for Confirmation preparation. 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." Seventh graders will be required to complete a minimum of 10 hours of service and eighth graders will complete a minimum of 15 hours of service this year. Seventh graders will also be choosing their Confirmation Saint this fall--so encourage your son or daughter to start seeking out a Saint who shares the same interests, virtues, or hobbies. These Saints will walk with them and pray for them through eternity! The Saint they choose will be their Confirmation name. There will be more details about the project in October.

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 Meg Arena or Mary Craig in the Religious Education Office.

Thank you for fostering your child's faith.
God Bless,

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Religious Education Sacramental Calendar 2019-2020

Grade 2	Grade 7	Grade 8
<p><u>Instructional Enrollment Mass</u> October 26th @ 9:15 am Mass will begin promptly @ 9:30</p> <p><u>Sacramental Information Form</u> Due by November 15th</p> <p><u>Reconciliation Preparation</u> <u>In Holy Innocents</u> January 12th 13th 14th During Class Time with Parent/Guardian SRS Attend Jan 12th 9:15-10:15</p> <p><u>Sacrament of First Reconciliation</u> January 25th 9:30am & 12:30pm (Assigned Class Sessions) SRS Attends 9:30 Session</p> <p><u>First Communion Preparation</u> <u>In Holy Innocents</u> March 8th, 9th, 10th During Class Time with Parent/Guardian -SRS attend Sunday 9:15-10:15 Butterfly template will be handed out. (Butterfly will mark each child's pew for 1st Communion)</p> <p><u>Butterfly Weekend</u> April 18th & 19th at All Masses Students bring Butterflies to any Mass this weekend</p> <p><u>First Communion Ceremonies</u> May 2nd & May 9th 10:00 am & 1:30 pm Ceremonies *(Assigned Class Session)</p> <p><u>Rehearsals for First Communion</u> (Assigned Class Session) *Packets with dates and times will be given at the 10/26 Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Retreat</u> Oct. 26th 9:00 AM <u>Drop Off @ Holy Innocents</u></p> <p>2:00 pick-up in Church (Please bring a bagged lunch, water and light snack will be provided)</p> <p>Saints Project and enrollment packet to be distributed</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saints Projects Due</u> <u>During Class Time</u> November 17th, 18th, 19th</p> <p><u>Community Service Hours Log</u> <u>Due</u> March 22nd, 23rd, 24th</p>	<p><u>Confirmation Commitment Mass</u> October 6th, 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p><u>Confirmation Retreat</u> November 15th, 7:00pm- 9:00pm Msgr. Weiss Gathering Hall Check in 6:45 (Parent or Guardian must attend)</p> <p><u>Community Service Hours Log</u> <u>Due</u> January 26th, 27th, 28th During Class Times</p> <p><u>Candlelight Mass</u> TBD 6:30-8:00pm Students, Parents/Guardians, sponsors welcome to attend if available</p> <p><u>Tentative Confirmation Dates</u> <u>Option 1</u> March 27th & 28th Rehearsals Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday (March 23rd, 24th & 25th) (Depending on your ceremony) 6:45-8:15pm</p> <p><u>Option 2</u> March 20th & 21st Rehearsals Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday (March 16th, 17th & 18th) (Depending on your ceremony) 6:45-8:15pm</p> <p><u>Option 3</u> April 3rd & 4th Rehearsals Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday (March 30th, 31st & April 1st) (Depending on your ceremony) 6:45-8:15pm</p>