

St. Rose of Lima Religious Education
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September 2018

Dear Parents & Families of Children Preparing for the Sacraments:

Welcome to the 2018 - 2019 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 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.

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 December during the Retreat and Enrollment Mass. 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 Department.

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

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Religious Education Sacramental Calendar 2018-2019

Grade 2	Grade 7	Grade 8
<p><u>Instructional Enrollment Mass</u> October 27th @ 9:30 am</p> <p><u>Sacramental Information Form</u> Due November 16th</p> <p><u>Reconciliation Preparation</u> <u>In Holy Innocents</u> January 6th, 7th, 8th During Class Time with Parent/Guardian</p> <p><u>Sacrament of First Reconciliation</u> February 2nd, 9:30am & 12:30pm (Assigned Class Sessions)</p> <p><u>First Communion Preparation</u> <u>In Holy Innocents</u> March 24th, 25th, 26th During Class Time with Parent/Guardian Butterfly template will be handed out. (Butterfly will mark each child's pew for 1st Communion)</p> <p><u>Butterfly Weekend</u> April 6th & 7th at All Masses Students bring Butterflies to any Mass this weekend</p> <p><u>First Communion Ceremonies</u> May 4th & May 11th 10:00 am & 1:30 pm Ceremonies *(Assigned Class Session)</p> <p><u>Rehearsals for First Communion</u> (Assigned Class Session) *Dates and times will be given at Mass on 10/27/18 @ 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>Retreat in Holy Innocents</u> <u>Followed by Mass</u> December 9th 12:15 - 4:15 Saints Project Distributed</p> <p><u>Saints Projects Due</u> <u>During Class Time</u> January 6th, 7th, 8th</p> <p><u>Community Service Hours Log</u> <u>Due</u> March 17th, 18th 19th</p>	<p><u>Confirmation Commitment Mass</u> October 7th, 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p><u>Confirmation Retreat</u> November 16th 5:30-8:30pm Holy Innocents Check in 5:15</p> <p><u>Community Service Hours Log Due</u> January 27th, 28th, 29th During Class Times</p> <p><u>Candlelight Mass</u> March 3rd 6:30-8:00pm Students, Parents/Guardians, sponsors welcome to attend if available</p> <p><u>Confirmation Rehearsals</u> May 20th, 21st, 22nd (Depending on your ceremony) 6:45-8:15pm *Rehearsal schedule will be announced*</p> <p><u>Confirmation Weekend</u> May 24th, 25th</p> <p>Ceremony Schedule TBA</p>