

# Faith Formation Newsletter

## St. Joseph and St. Rose of Lima Catholic Churches

### Summer 2023 Edition



# Faith Formation

Summer is here! Wow! What a great year we've had for Faith Formation!

Some **NEW** information on the schedule for the upcoming year:

- This year's schedule has been updated, thanks to our primary grade teachers who have agreed to change the time of their classes to accommodate everyone on the same weekends. Thank you to: Blair Artigue, Cortney Brooks, Angelle Brasseaux, and Emily Duplechin for giving of your personal time to assist our program! The updated schedule can be found on the last page of this newsletter.
- EVERY STUDENT 2nd grade and up is EXPECTED to attend Mass EVERY WEEKEND! Please find a Mass time at any local Catholic Church to fit your busy schedules. [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) is a great resource, especially when traveling out of town. The Catholic Mass is the greatest sacrifice and the highest form of prayer. Catholics are obligated to attend every weekend and every holy day of obligation.

### Other Important Information

- Confirmation is being moved to 8th Grade as directed by Bishop Deshotel of the Diocese of Lafayette, so this year, we are confirming all 8th, 9th, and 10th graders. That means we will be confirming nearly 100 students, hence the reason for two semesters. We have taken the curriculum they would have been receiving in 8th, 9th, and 10th grades and refined and condensed it for this year to accommodate the size of this class. This prompted the addition of Kindergarten last year and Pre-K for this year. This was done ahead of time so that the incoming little ones would not lose out on 3 years of Faith Formation. Click this link to watch the video from the Diocese on 8th Grade Confirmation: <https://vimeo.com/802923574>.
- If anyone has any questions or concerns with these or any other changes for this year, please feel free to contact me; also, if you write/email/call the church office, please leave your contact information so I can reply to you personally. You can also call my cell at: 337-230-3549. I'm available pretty much anytime during the summer.

## Registration for 2023-2024 FF Year

St. Joseph Rectory Office from 9:00 am - 10:30 am on July 5th and July 26th.

St. Joseph Hall from 4:00 - 6:00 pm on June 26th and July 31st.

If these dates are not conducive to your schedule, please call the Director at 337-230-3549 to set up a private appointment. I am willing to accommodate!

### Grades PK, K, 1st, and 3rd-7th

1 child - \$30

2 children - \$50

3 children - \$75

4 or more children - \$100

This schedule does **NOT** apply to children in sacramental classes. If you have two children and one of them is in a sacramental class, you will pay the sacramental registration for that student plus \$30 for your child who is not in a sacramental class. If you have three children and one of them is in a sacramental class, you will pay the sacramental registration for that student plus \$50 for the two remaining students who are not in sacramental classes, etc.

Payment schedules will be made available for those who would like to split the total registration into 2 or 3 payments. Half of the total is due at the time of registration. The remainder can be paid in one or two portions, but must be paid by July 31, 2023.

### Sacramental Registration

First Reconciliation/Eucharist

2nd grade - \$75

Confirmation

8th, 9th, and 10th grades - \$100

These fees include registration, supplies, books, and all materials/fees relating to sacraments. This is explained in detail on the next page. 2nd Grade students **MUST** bring a copy of their baptismal certificate to be registered. 8th/9th/10th Grade students **MUST** bring a copy of their 1st Communion certificate to be registered. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** If the certificate is missing, you will need to bring the registration form home and return it with the copy of the certificate. This applies to ALL STUDENTS, even if the sacrament took place at St. Joseph or St. Rose. If you have two or more students receiving sacraments in the same year, you will receive a \$25 discount on their registration.

**July 31st is the last day to register.**

**Anyone asking to register after July 31st will be charged a late fee of \$25 per family.**

If you know someone needing sacraments or who has been absent from the Faith Formation program since First Communion, please contact Heidi Robin at 337-230-3549.

We are hosting a catch-up course this Fall for those needing to get back on track!

This course is free of charge and will meet on the following dates:

August 20, 2023

September 24, 2023

October 22, 2023

November 26, 2023

December 10, 2023

Classes will meet from 8:30 am - 10:30 am and then attend the 11:00 Mass at St. Joseph Church as a group. Students need a pen and notebook; Baltimore Catechism books will be provided on loan or may be purchased on Amazon for \$6.00.

# Explanation of Sacrament Registration and Fees

## First Reconciliation / Holy Eucharist



### 1st Reconciliation / Communion: \$75

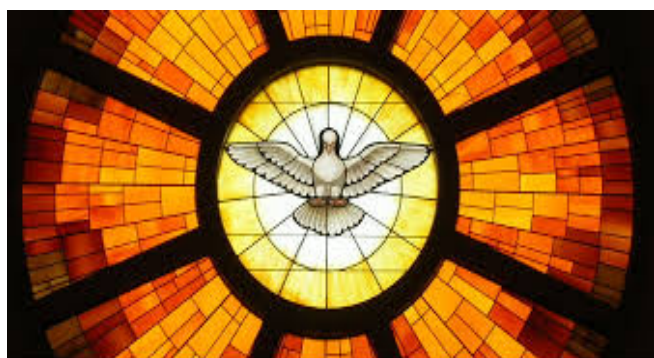
Registration Fee for Textbook and Supplies* -	\$30 per child
Pew Banner, Food, and Drink for Retreat -	\$22 per child
Photography* for Communion mass -	\$13 per child
Music for Communion mass -	\$10 per child

**Total of \$75**

- Supplies also includes program for the 1st Holy Communion Mass
- Photography includes photographer's fee, a 5x7 print of your child receiving the Sacrament, and digital access to the online album of the entire Mass.

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## Sacrament of Confirmation



### Confirmation: \$100

Registration Fee for Textbook and Supplies* -	\$30 per candidate
Candidate T-Shirt -	\$27 per candidate
Retreat Fee, Food, and Drink -	\$20 per candidate
Photography* for Confirmation mass -	\$13 per candidate
Music for Confirmation mass -	\$10 per candidate

**Total of \$100**

- Supplies also includes program for the Confirmation Mass
- Photography includes photographer's fee, a 5x7 print of your child receiving the Sacrament, and digital access to the online album of the entire Mass.





## Civil Marriage Convalidation

Are you and your spouse legally married by the state but have not had your marriage blessed? Our parish has a preparation program available to assist you as a couple to receive the blessing of your marriage. When preparation is complete, a convalidation ceremony will be scheduled.

There is no fee for convalidation; only the bride, groom, and two (2) witnesses are needed for the ceremony! If you are interested in having your civil marriage convalidated by the Catholic Church, please call 337-667-6344 for more information on how to proceed.



Anyone interested in becoming involved in beginning a Youth Group for our high school aged Catholics who have been/are being confirmed, please contact Heidi Robin at 337-230-3549! We are looking for a few parent volunteers and newly confirmed Catholics to take part in a FREE leadership session!

## **DATE CHANGE! TAKE NOTE!** **REQUIRED PARENT MEETING**

*Parent as Primary Catechist / Safe Environment*

Sunday, September 10, 2023

9:00-10:30 am - St. Joseph Church

**ALL PARENTS** (at least one per family) are **REQUIRED** to attend!

This session will count as our parish requirement with the Diocese of Lafayette to share this information with our parents.

# Remind

We will be using Remind instead of Flocknotes this year for our texting communication. Please download the app (if you wish) or text the following group codes to the number "81010". **Remember to include the "@" symbol in your text message.**

## Remind Codes

Text these codes to the number **81010** to join every class your child(ren) participates in for Faith Formation.

Pre-K - @f4fefgk  
Kindergarten - @9bb8g7  
1st Grade - @da23ca  
2nd Grade - @kfa639  
3rd Grade - @ga6kfe

4th Grade - @dfgg74  
5th Grade - @h924f3a  
6th Grade - @b689h42  
7th Grade - @hk8kbkh  
Confirmation - @behb6a

**Choir Schedules will remain the same, even though the schedule has changed. This is not required participation, but it is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED for every student in grades 2-4.**

2023-2024 Faith Formation Choir Schedule 11:00 am Mass; reserved seating in front for students.	
Date	Grade Singing
August 20, 2023	2nd Grade
September 17, 2023	3rd Grade
October 29, 2023	4th Grade
November 12, 2023	2nd Grade
December 10, 2023	3rd Grade
January 14, 2024	4th Grade
February 25, 2024	2nd Grade
March 24, 2024	3rd Grade
April 14, 2024	4th Grade
May 5, 2024	ALL 3 GRADES

# 2023-2024 Faith Formation Calendar

Preschool Classes PK, K, 1st Mary's House 10:30 am - 12:00 pm	2nd Grade Reconciliation / Eucharist Mary's House/Mass 8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Elementary Classes 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th St. Joseph Campus 8:30 am - 10:30 am	Confirmation Class 8th, 9th, 10th Grades St. Joseph Hall/Mass 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
August 6, 2023	August 6, 2023 August 27, 2023	August 6, 2023	<b>Fall Semester</b>  <b>Classes</b> August 6, 2023 August 27, 2023 September 10, 2023 September 24, 2023 October 8, 2023 October 22, 2023 November 12, 2023 November 26, 2023 December 10, 2023  <b>Retreat</b> January 13, 2024  <b>Confessions</b> January 26, 2024  <b>Confirmation Practice and Ceremony</b> January 27, 2024
September 10, 2023	September 10, 2023 September 24, 2023	September 10, 2023	
October 8, 2023	October 8, 2023 October 22, 2023	October 8, 2023	
November 12, 2023	November 12, 2023 November 26, 2023	November 12, 2023	
December 10, 2023	December 10, 2023 December 17, 2023	December 10, 2023	
January 7, 2024	January 7, 2024 January 21, 2024	January 7, 2024	
February 4, 2024	February 4, 2024 February 18, 2024	February 4, 2024	
March 3, 2024	March 3, 2024 March 17, 2024	March 3, 2024	
April 14, 2024	Saturday, April 6, 2024 1st Reconciliation / Banner Party 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	April 14, 2024  Study Guides will be handed out for Exit Exams.	<b>Spring Semester</b>  <b>Classes</b> January 7, 2024 January 21, 2024 February 4, 2024 February 18, 2024 March 3, 2024 March 17, 2024 March 24, 2024 April 14, 2024 April 28, 2024  <b>Retreat</b> June 1, 2024  <b>Confessions</b> June 7, 2024  <b>Confirmation Practice</b> June 8, 2024  <b>Confirmation Ceremony</b> June 9, 2024
	Saturday, April 20, 2024 1st Holy Eucharist Practice @ 10:00 am Mass @ 6:30 pm		
May 5, 2024 10:30 am - Turn in May Homework 11:00 am - Mass 12 - 2 pm - Party	May 5, 2024 10:30 am - Turn in May Homework 11:00 am - Mass 12 - 2 pm - Party	May 5, 2024 10:15 am - Exams/Turn in May Homework 11:00 am - Mass 12 - 2 pm - Party	

**NOTE: Children younger than 2nd Grade will attend class DURING the 11:00 Mass. Since they have not yet made 1st communion, they are allowed to use their Mass time for Faith Formation classes. This has given us the space needed to make sure everyone is on the same campus AND are attending the same weekends, once a month, for enough class time to learn all the material presented. Those with children in the younger grades who have children in the older grades may simply attend Mass with the older children and walk to Mary's House after Mass to pick up the younger children. ALL students 2nd grade and up MUST ATTEND MASS EVERY WEEKEND, at any time or any Catholic Church. [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) is a great resource if you are traveling out of town.**