

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

As Catholics, we are a Sacramental people celebrating the presence of Christ in our lives. Preparation is vital to a fuller understanding and lived experience of each Sacrament. **LIFE** and Sacramental classes will offer each person the foundations of faith sought and needed in life. [GOF Manual] The Sacramental Preparation classes are in addition to monthly **LIFE** celebrations.

Confirmation

(Usually Grades 9 & 10; Two-year process)
In order to begin Confirmation I, student must have consistently participated in a previous year of Religious Education (Catholic School or Parish Program).

- ◇ Confirmation candidates participate in **LIFE** celebrations with family
- ◇ Regular, weekly Mass participation
- ◇ Curriculum has additional small group classes per year in addition to **LIFE**
- ◇ Parent and Candidate Orientation Sessions (held in Parish Center):
*Conf. II—Sun., Sept. 11 at 7:00pm
*Conf. I—Tues., Sept. 13 at 7:00pm
- ◇ Completion of requirements as stated at Orientation Meetings
- ◇ 30 hours of Community Service:
Year 1=20 hours within a Parish ministry; Year 2=10 hours within a Parish ministry or local community
- ◇ Candidates attending Catholic H.S.:
 - A) Must participate in **LIFE** celebrations for the two-year preparation period with family
 - B) Participate in small group classes starting in Year II
 - C) Completion of requirements as stated at Orientation Meetings



“Education is one of the most important ways by which the Church fulfills its commitment to the dignity of the person in building of community.”
[To Teach as Jesus Did, NCCB]

“It should not be overlooked that the recipient of catechesis is the whole Christian community and everyone in it.”
[GDC#168]

LIFE'ers WANTED:

LIFE is a Faith Formation program for everyone in the Parish: Children, Teens, Students, Parents, Single Adults, Grandparents and Elders. All Parishioners looking to learn about and grow in their faith, but most especially open to **SHARING** their faith and lived experiences within our community are welcomed! All ages come together for meal and opening, then break into separate age-appropriate groups. Please use a **LIFE** Registration Form to sign up today.

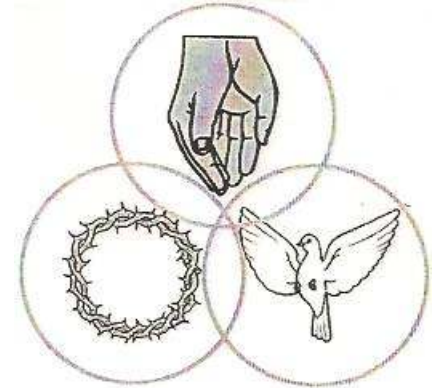
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LIFE: LEARNING IN FAITH EXPERIENCES



Celebrations Theme:

What We Believe: The Nicene Creed

The Creed is a roadmap for our faith.

Together we will find that “It is an exhilarating adventure that leads us to the very heart of the

Christian faith.”

(Marcellino D'Ambrosio, PhD.)

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Catholic Faith
Community**



2011—2012

WHAT IS LIFE AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences) is a lifelong Faith Formation opportunity open to every Parish member. People of all ages come together to learn, grow in faith, share common life and faith experiences in inter-generational and age-specific groupings.



All **LIFE** Celebrations are held in the Fr. Casey Parish Center and include:

- **A Prepared Meal:** Everyone gathers together to share in a simple meal, relax, and socialize. No need to bring food, cook, or serve it. Just as Jesus shared meals with his friends, we do likewise—meal provided!
- **Opening Prayer & Intro:** All-Ages gather for theological intro to the Celebrations' theme using prayer, film, story, activity...
- **Learning Component:** An in-depth module that explores the same topic in age specific learning groups: young children and parent, children, teens, adults. Occasional intergenerational grouping method is used.
- **Home Materials:** Each age specific group receives materials that allow households to continue their journey of Faith with activities and ideas for home use.
- **Closing Prayer:** Sends forth the Faith Community to continue growing and Learning In Faith Experiences (**LIFE**).

LIFE Celebration Times:

Sunday: 11:45am-2:15pm
Monday / Tuesday: 5:30pm-8:00pm

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Preparation for reception of Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist is a two-year program that usually begins in Grade 1, with reception of the Sacraments in Grade 2.

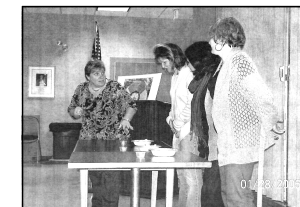
First Reconciliation-classes

(usually in Fall semester of Grade 2 year)

First Eucharist-classes

(usually in Winter/Spring semester, Grade 2)

- ♦ Consistent participation in a previous year of Religious Education (Catholic School or Parish Program)
- ♦ Curriculum has minimally eight additional classes per year that run concurrently with **LIFE**, held Thursdays 3:30-4:45pm
- ♦ Youth and parent participation in retreat experience(s) and special sessions immediately prior to reception of Sacraments
- ♦ Attendance at Parent Orientation for Eucharist and Reconciliation on:
Monday, September 12 at 6:30pm in PC
- ♦ Completion of all requirements presented at Parent Orientation.



Use LIFE Registration Form to register for a Sacramental Program.

[Fees for **LIFE** and Sacramental Preparation classes are listed on **LIFE** Registration Form.]

Celebrations Schedule

September 25, 26, or 27

What It Means to Believe

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October 23, 24, or 25

I Believe In...God (part 1)

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November 20, 21, or 22

I Believe In...God (part 2)

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December 1 - Advent Evening
(not **LIFE** but open to all parishioners)

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January 29, 30, or 31

I Believe In...Jesus (part 1)

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February 26, 27, or 28

I Believe In...Jesus (part 2)

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March 25, 26, or 27

I Believe In...Holy Spirit (part 1)

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April 29, 30, or May 1

I Believe in...Holy Spirit (part 2)