

**PLEASE NOTE: DATES MAY NEED TO CHANGE FOR SOME UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.**

### FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

**Informational Meeting for Parents:**

Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m.

**Retreat for Children and Parents:**

Tuesday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m.

**Celebration:** Wednesday February 7, at 7:00 p.m.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

**Informational Meeting for Parents:**

Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m.

**Enrollment Rite:** Sunday, March 3 at 9:00 a.m., with the start of preparation classes following Mass.

**Preparation Class Schedule:**

March 3, 10, 17, April 14, 21 28, 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Second Parent Meeting:**

Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.

**Rehearsal:** Thursday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m.

**Celebration:** Saturday, May 4 at 11:00 a.m.

**May Crowning:** Sunday, May 5 at 11:00

**Ice Cream Social:** TBA

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation Preparation throughout the Diocese of Rochester takes place over the course of two years and begins no earlier than 8<sup>th</sup> grade with the reception of the sacrament in the Spring of 9<sup>th</sup> grade. For Year One and Year Two Confirmation Preparation, besides weekly Mass attendance, Monday classes, the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders are required to participate in a yearly retreat, service projects and other parish activities.

Year One (8th grade)

**Year Two (9th Grade) Meeting: Monday, October 2, 7:10 p.m.**

**Retreat Sunday, February 25.** We will begin with students and their families attending the 11:00 a.m. Mass. The retreat sessions will follow for the students.

**Immediate Preparation for Candidate and Sponsor:** TBA Once we receive the date for Confirmation from the Diocese.

## ST. THEODORE'S CHURCH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

GRADES 1-9

### 2023-2024 INFORMATION HANDBOOK



### SPECIAL MASSES

October 15	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Mass/Social	9:00 a.m.
November 5	NCYC Pilgrim Blessing	11:00 a.m.
November 12	4th Grade Mass/Social	9:00 a.m.
January 21	3rd Grade Mass/Social	9:00 a.m.
February 11	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Mass/Social	9:00 a.m.
February 25	Year Two Confirmation Retreat	11:00 a.m.
March 3	First Communion Enrollment Rite	9:00 a.m.

**\*More Sacramental Dates on Back\***

### SEASONAL EVENTS

October 29	Trunk or Treat	1:30 p.m.
December 9	Breakfast with Santa	9:00 a.m.
December 10	Children's Christmas Pageant	3:00 p.m.
TBA	Easter Egg Hunt	2:00 p.m.
July 15-19	Vacation Bible School	9:00 a.m.

Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry:  
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**ATTENDANCE:** Please notify the office when your child is absent. Attendance is a factor in determining sacramental readiness and grade completion. Students are required to make up lessons for classes missed.

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:** Masks are optional during class. Textbooks are handed out at the first class. **Students need to bring their textbook, a folder and a pen/pencil to class with them each week.** Students in **Grades 7-9** are required to bring their bible to class. If needed, bibles can be purchased in the office for \$10.00.

**SECURITY/SAFETY:**

- For security reasons, the only doors to access the building will be the main doors to the Parish Life Center. Once classes begin, the doors will be locked and then unlocked prior to dismissal. Adult volunteers are needed to monitor the halls, doors, and parking lot during classes. If you can help, please contact Mrs. Piehler.
- **For safety reasons, parents of students in Grades 1-4 are required to drop off and pick up their child at their classroom.**

**RELEASE FORM:** If someone other than a **parent** is picking their child up from class, the parent needs to fill out a Release Form and return it to the office. If there is a certain person who your child should not be released to at the end of class, that information needs to be indicated on the form.

**EARLY ARRIVALS:** We are not responsible for children before class time begins. **Students need to wait in the hall until the teacher arrives.**

**LATE ARRIVALS:** If your child arrives after class begins and attendance has been taken, **a parent needs to stop in the office to sign their child in.**

**DISMISSAL:** If you need to pick up your child from class, or you are going to be late in picking them up, or if someone different is picking up your child, you need to call the office to let us know.

**SNOW DAYS:** Class cancellations will be announced on local television stations and the parish Facebook page.

**EMERGENCY SHELTER:** In the event of an emergency and we need to evacuate the building and grounds, parents are asked to pick up their child in **Grades 1-6** at North Star Christian Academy and in **Grades 7-9** at Planet Fitness.

**CELL PHONE:** Students are not allowed to use a cell phone or text during religion class. If this happens, their cell phone will be taken away and returned at the end of class.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** The form needs to be reviewed and signed by parents and children and returned to the Faith Formation Office. Please remind your child that our religion teachers are volunteering their time. Each student is expected to behave appropriately and treat their teacher and classmates with respect. If a discipline problem occurs that cannot be handled in the classroom, the student will be sent to the office. If this happens more than once, the parent will be called to help resolve the problem.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONTACT:** If you need to talk to your child's teacher, call the office and we will notify the teacher and ask them to call you. Progress reports will be handed out in January and grade completion certificates at the end of the program in May.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:** Sacraments are offered to parishioners who are enrolled in our religion program or attend a Catholic school. Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are separate from weekly religion classes. Prior to preparation for a sacrament, letters will be emailed to parents with information regarding meetings and requirements and guidelines for the sacrament. Some sacramental dates and information explaining the two year program for Confirmation are on the back.