



St Jude Catholic Church
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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new families to our Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Program, and to say thank you to our returning families for continuing in this most important sacramental year of faith formation.

The essential goal of our program is to not only prepare each candidate to receive the sacrament, but to also reconnect with our families meeting your needs and joining you in the reality of your daily lives.

Our dynamic program will consist of various components. There is a new and exciting Family Teaching element to our curriculum. Families and Student will have the opportunity to share in the preparation process by discovering more about our faith together! Students (Are Also Required to Fulfill / Complete) segments consisting of; Classroom Education – Community Service Endeavors Based on Works of Mercy – Liturgy Participation – and Eucharistic Adoration. Completing each facet of our program will allow for a much greater experience, ultimately allowing our faith to become alive in a very real way. It's time to go out and live our Faith!!

Our calendar year for 2023 / 2024 will begin on Sunday, September 24th, 2023 with our Parent / Student orientation starting at 10:30 AM – held in the Parish Hall, and will conclude with each student receiving the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confessions) on Sunday, March 3rd, 2024 starting at 3:00 PM – administered in our Chapel.

Our Confirmation Program Retreat will be presented on Saturday, February 24th, 2024 – in our parish hall. Classroom elements will be offered on Sunday mornings from: 8:45 to 10:00 AM, and on Monday evenings from: 6:30 to 7:45 PM. Families have the option of choosing either day. Everyone is required to attend the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday mornings which is an Extremely Vital Component of our program!

The cost will remain the same at an all-inclusive \$150.00 per candidate, with a reduction per student realized for families with two or more children within the program.

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A brand new registration form will be used for all candidates – both new and returning. For your convenience, a copy of our registration form can be found on our parish website.

Please Note: All new candidates are required to submit a copy of both their Baptismal and First Holy Communion Certificates. Copies of these certificates are to please be submitted along with your registration form.

A special note to my Sacramental Class Families... The Confirmation Ceremony for 2024 will be celebrated on: Saturday, March 9th, 2024 – starting at 10:30 am. Please Mark Your Calendars!

I ask that everyone please register as soon as possible!

My dear families, I sincerely hope and pray that our program will meet your needs and ultimately allow us to join together in the reality of your daily lives! I look forward with great joy in my heart to a year filled with amazing experiences. I remain in your service!

I Am Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Frank Faranda

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