



ST. LAWRENCE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Trust God! This is what the Holy Bible urges us to do at all times.
My question to you is: *Are you willing to trust in God?*

Dearest Families,

Thank you for journeying with the St. Lawrence family of faith. We are so happy you are here! It is my fervent prayer that together we can help facilitate your child's encounter with our Heavenly Father from whom alone comes our salvation (cf. Psalm 62:1).

Just before Pope Francis left the U.S. last year, he urged us to trust in the working of the Holy Spirit. Our Holy Father was quoted saying,

*"Only trust in God can transform doubts into certainty,
evil into good, and night into radiant dawn."*

May each of us little by little pour out our hearts to God our refuge (cf. Psalm 62:9), trusting everything we say and do to God for the good of each other, our families, our Church, and our heavenly kingdom. This is our theme this year – trust God. To begin this very difficult and daily challenge, we must set our journey's compass to God alone who is our strong rock. For Sacred Scripture says, "God alone is my rock and my salvation. My deliverance and honor are with God," (cf. Matt 5:14-16). May the Holy Spirit increase our trust in God this year with prayer, study, and service, so that with God's grace, we can trust God at all times.

God's love,
Jacquelyn Haas, Director of Religious Education

Enclosed in your Enrollment Packet:

1. Registration Form (due July 18; \$25 late fee/child after July 18)
2. Program Brochure (details about program, new Confirmation curricula, and student awards)
3. Class Schedule and Confirmation Class Schedule (on back for Confirmands)
4. Conduct and Attendance Policies
5. First Communion or Confirmation Registration Forms (due September 11/12)
6. 6th – 11th Service Hour Requirements and orange sheet to record hours
7. Baby Blessing Invitation :O)

On the back side, find more information about registration, our new online activity calendar, First Communion, Confirmation, and our Field Trip.

- **Registration:** Thank you for filling out all requested information, including email address. (This is my primary communication tool with you.) **Completed form and tuition fees are due Monday, July 18.** **Forms turned in after July 18 are asked to pay a \$25 late fee per child.** Thank you for your professional courtesy. Note, our program fees *have changed – for the first time in at least 10 years.* *If you would like to arrange a payment plan,* contact the Director at 262-644-0011 or stlawred@gmail.com. Your child’s participation in learning our faith is the most important thing, and we are grateful for every child God brings us. Thank you for your continued parental involvement and support. You keep our program strong and dynamic. God bless you!
- **Calendars:** All activities and classes take place at the Religious Education School or St. Lawrence church.

NEW! Our activity schedule will be online at **stlawrence-parish.com** on the religious education page under Activity Calendar. You may look at monthly class dates, Discipleship Sunday dates, Youth Council dates, Chili Social dates, and special activity dates, such as the 1st grade Mass Play or 5th grade Friendship Mass. I pray this will be an easy and helpful tool in keeping you informed about our rel. ed. activities.

NEW! Our Confirmation class will endeavor an online learning module this year – brand new from St. Mary’s Press called a Witness to Mercy. This program will still include in-class learning sessions, along with the flexibility of at home, online learning modules. Their class schedule still follows the 6 – 10 grade class schedule, and their classes will remain on Sundays from 6 – 7:30 p.m. I pray this more active learning approach will help our Confirmands encounter Christ, become intentional disciples, and bring awareness of how to be lifelong faith learners in a busy world.

1. All are invited to a **Blessing Mass.** Come either Sat., Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. or Sun., Sept. 18 at 9:45 a.m.
2. **6 – 11 Discipleship Sundays** and **K – 5 Catholic Kids** will occur in October - April. See the online Activity Calendar at stlawrence-parish.com on the rel. ed. page for the date of your child’s month.
3. **Sign-up Sheets** for 6-11 Discipleship Sundays, Chili Socials, Fish Fry, and Youth Mass are located in the lobby of the religious education school underneath the crucifix. Sign-up the first night of class! Orange service sheets are by sign-up sheets. Turn service hours into director.
4. **Faithful Citizenship** and civic participation will be discussed with special lessons and flag folding ceremony with the 6-11th grade tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 6 during class.

- **First Communion:** Completed form and material fees are due Sept. 12. First Reconciliation is 5:30 p.m. on **Mon., Nov. 21** in St. Lawrence church. Parents, grandparents, and Godparents are invited. There will be a social afterwards. First Communion is at 11:45 a.m. on **Sun., Apr. 30**, with a rehearsal on Sat., Apr. 29 from 5:15 – 6:30 p.m. in the church. The First Communion Parent Meeting is at 5:30 p.m. in the church on **Mon., Oct. 3.**
- **Confirmation:** Completed form and retreat fees are due Sept. 11. Confirmation dates and celebrants need to be assigned by the Archdiocese. We should receive our chosen dates and celebrant this fall. You will be notified as soon as we hear. Confirmation will be at St. Peter’s. The retreat, in preparation of Confirmation, will be a day-only retreat at St. Lawrence on Sat., Jan. 21 with Mount Tabor youth leaders. The Confirmation Parent Meeting, on Monday, Aug. 22 from 6 – 7 p.m. in the rel. ed. bldg., will include more information about our online learning modules and Confirmation overall.
- **Field Trip:** Holy Hill on Sat., Nov. 19 to touch the Holy Doors one last time before the Close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Pilgrimage is open to all and will include a Mass with Archbishop ListECKI. Field Trip forms will come out in September. This field trip counts toward Confirmation.
- **Director’s Office Hours:** Although I am part-time, I am dedicated to your child’s faith learning full-time. Please let me know if you have questions along the way. I am happy to talk and want to continually improve our program so that all our children have a loving and positive experience that leads them closer to God.