

<b>FIRST COMMUNION</b>	
Parent Orientation	Sunday, February 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 9:00am in the Parish Hall or Monday, February 4 <sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm in the Parish Hall
Rite of Enrollment	Sunday, February 10 <sup>th</sup> at the 12:15pm Mass
1 <sup>st</sup> Communion – Parent/Child Session 1	Sunday, February 10 <sup>th</sup> - 10:00am to Noon or 1:30pm to 3:30pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Communion – Parent/Child Session 2	Sunday, March 24 <sup>th</sup> - 10:00am to Noon or 1:30pm to 3:30pm
First Communion Retreat	Saturday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> - 10:00am to 2:00pm
First Communion Celebration	Sunday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> at the 12:15pm Mass

<b>CONFIRMATION</b>	
Parent Orientation	Sunday, October 28 <sup>th</sup> - 9:00am in the Parish Hall or Monday, October 29 <sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm in the Parish Hall
Rite of Enrollment	Sunday November 25 <sup>th</sup> at the 12:15pm Mass
Confirmation – Parent/Child Session 1	Sunday, November 25 <sup>th</sup> - 10:00am to Noon or 1:30pm to 3:30pm
Confirmation – Parent/Child Session 2	Sunday, April 7 <sup>th</sup> - 10:00am to Noon or 1:30pm to 3:30pm
Confirmation Retreat	Saturday, June 1 <sup>st</sup> - 10:00am to 2:00pm
Confirmation Celebration	Sunday, June 9 <sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm

For all questions and inquiries, please contact  
Bonnie at the Parish Office.  
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## Saint Joseph Basilica Children's Ministries 2018-2019



## CATECHISM SCHOOL

We, at the Basilica, are privileged to have a team of gifted, generous volunteers who allow us to offer a basic catechetical program for children in preschool through grade eight. We meet on alternate Sunday mornings from the end of September to the beginning of June from 9:00am to 10:15am. Using the **Gospel Weeklies** series the children reflect on the Sunday gospel and explore associated teachings, prayers and practices of the church. This forms the backdrop for all sacramental preparation.

Registration will take place Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> before and after all the morning Masses and Monday evening, September 10<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30pm Mass. You will need to bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate at that time. The registration fee is \$50 and covers all materials for both catechism school and sacramental preparation. This year we will be offering a parent group at the same time. Preregistration (with a \$10 saving) is available by individual appointment until August 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Bonnie at the parish office (780-488-7295 Ext.230) to set up an appointment or for more information.

Registration: Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 2:00pm or Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Parish Hall. Baptism certificate is needed. First class and parent orientation is Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> in O'Leary Hall.

## RCIA ADAPTED FOR CHILDREN

Children, aged seven and older, can prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist with their parents. These preparation sessions take place within catechism school and the sacraments are celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Registration is by individual appointment with Bonnie.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion (grade two or older) and Confirmation (grade six and older) is a partnership of home, parish and school. The school provides the remote preparation and the family, the proximate preparation. The local parish supports the parents in accompanying their children and offers children a peer community. In response to the Canadian bishops' directive (issued in 1982 and underlined in our archdiocesan Standards for Sacramental Preparation) that parents request the sacraments for their children we gather parents for an orientation and registration meeting. There are two parent/child sessions, a special rite of enrollment at Mass, and a retreat for each sacrament. In addition, confirmation candidates undertake ten hours of community service and sponsors share the journey from day one.

<b>FIRST RECONCILIATION</b>	
<b>Parent Orientation</b>	<b>Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am in the Parish Hall or Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm in the Parish Hall</b>
<b>Rite of Enrollment</b>	<b>Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the 12:15pm Mass</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation – Parent/Child Session 1</b>	<b>Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> - 10:00am to Noon or 1:30pm to 3:30pm</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation – Parent/Child Session 2</b>	<b>Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am to Noon or 1:30pm to 3:30pm</b>
<b>Reconciliation Retreat</b>	<b>Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am to 2:00pm</b>
<b>Celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation</b>	<b>Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am</b>