

High School Faith Formation:

Explanation of Program

The high school faith formation program offers four classes representing the four pillars of the Catholic Church: Liturgy and Sacraments, The Creed, Christian Prayer, and Christian Morality. The first three are offered four times a year, whereas Christian Morality is offered three times a year, and is replaced in the spring by the Confirmation program. Classes are offered in a block format, just as a school operates on quarters. Each block is five weeks long, with classes on Sunday nights from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Students wishing to be confirmed must complete all four classes plus the Confirmation program (with the exception for Catholic School students who only take Christian Morality), Confirmation retreat and Confirmation service hours. Classes may be taken throughout a student's high school years with no minimum number of classes taken per year. The earliest a student may be confirmed is in 10th grade. To be confirmed in 10th grade, a student must take two to three classes a year. Christian Morality is only offered to those students in 10th grade or higher.

2011-2012 Class Schedule

Sunday Evenings-6:30-7:45 pm

Block I: 9/18; 9/25; 10/2; 10/9; 10/16

Block II: 10/30; 11/6; 11/13; 12/4; 12/11

Block III: 12/18; 1/8; 1/15; 1/22; 1/29

Block IV: 3/4; 3/11; 3/18; 4/15; 4/22

Volunteer!

Catechists are needed for Sunday evening Faith Formation

(Parents who volunteer will be able to deduct \$30 from their program fee for each block they team teach.)

6:30-7:45 p.m.

Contact Kari at kelsen@st-barts.org or 952-473-6601

Please sign up by May 15

Positives about Program

- Students are able to intensely focus on one class at a time to gain the most knowledge about a topic.
- Students are encouraged to be involved in their school, community and church. This program allows students who may be heavily involved in an activity during a particular time of year flexibility so they may serve, play and learn to the best of their ability. (Ex: a basketball player may take class during blocks one and four, avoiding basketball season.)
- Catechists will teach the same material four times a year allowing them to gain more knowledge about the given topic.
- If the student's schedule only allows them to take one or two classes a year, it is perfectly fine that they are confirmed as an 11th or 12th grader.

New for ALL 2011-2012 Confirmation Candidates

All private, Catholic, and public school students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation: St. Bartholomew has expanded the Confirmation process to include Christian Morality. This class prepares the Confirmant for a life in the Church and challenges each student to relate to our society and the world as Christ would.

Classes will be offered the first, second and third blocks and must be completed before entering the Confirmation Program.

What students are saying about Christian Morality:

"Taking the Christian Morality class was life altering. It seemed that all my life I have heard what I shouldn't do. When I took this class I found out what I could do, what I could say, what I could feel, how I could be. It felt so good to learn that I could lead my life with good possibilities rather than with bad choices."

- 2011 Confirmation Candidate

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2011-2012 Program Fees and Due Dates

They say the early bird gets the worm! Register your family for the 2011-2012 Faith Formation program by May 15:

\$30/block

\$80/Confirmation Program

After May 15, fees will increase.

Scholarships are available: Please contact Kari

Description of Classes

Christian Prayer

By learning how to pray, you open a way to communicate on a deeply personal level with God. While learning about prayer, you will explore different forms of personal prayer and to take a greater responsibility for your own spiritual growth. This class helps give the tools necessary to build a solid and functional relationship with God.

Liturgy and Sacraments

Knowledge about the Liturgy and Sacraments will enable you to give the Liturgy and Sacraments the rightful place it deserves in your life. You will learn how the liturgical year is organized, learn about signs, symbols and rituals and why we need the Sacraments to be close to God.

Creed

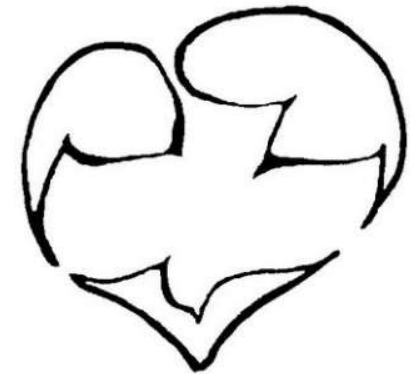
This class focuses on understanding the treasure, the gift, the challenge, and the sacrament that is Church. The class encourages you to make the mission of the Church your own and grow in understanding in faith. Sessions are designed to help you delve into some core Catholic practices, attitudes and beliefs that will help you understand what it means to be Catholic.

Christian Morality

(10th grade and up – required for ALL Confirmants)

This class will provide a solid grounding in the foundations of Christian Morality. This class is structured as an invitation to become holy, healthy and happy. Learning what the Catholic Church teaches about the “tough stuff” so we may love and act as Christians is essential. This course will challenge you to live out your faith every day by making moral choices that are pleasing to God.

High School Faith Formation and Confirmation



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Registration Information and Schedule



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