

This Form is for children in Kindergarten – 6th grade who have already been Baptized

If your child needs the Sacrament of Baptism and is between the ages of 7-18 please look for the salmon colored packet RCIA for Children. If your child is 0-6 years of age and needs Baptism, please pick up a Baptismal packet (located in the Narthex of the Church near the elevator) and contact Pat Kehl to schedule your child's Baptism.

Dear Parents,

Please carefully read the information listed below regarding the Religious Education Program at Our Lady of Loreto.

The definition of the instruction of the faith called "Catechesis" means to educate the individual in the *faith* of the Church through the teaching of Christian Doctrine in an organic and systematic way; to make them *Disciples of Christ*.

The process of becoming a *fully* Initiated Catholic requires more than just receiving Sacraments. It requires *discipleship* which means in short that we will strive to assist parents in the conversion of their child's heart so that each child has a deeper awareness of the working of the Holy Spirit in their whole being and thus resulting in a deeper relationship with Jesus.

The Archdiocese of Denver under the leadership and wisdom of Archbishop Aquila has moved forward in faith to "Restore the Order of the Sacraments".

In restoring the order of the Sacraments of Initiation in the Archdiocese of Denver, Archbishop Aquila is realigning the Sacraments to their proper order of reception; the order that Catholic Christians have received them for over 1900 years: Baptism, Confirmation, and then Eucharist.

Overview of changes

Kindergarten Religious Education No changes

1st grade Religious Education - No changes

2nd grade Religious Education - Sacrament of Reconciliation

3rd grade Religious Education with the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

4th grade Religious Education with Confirmation Unit

5th grade Religious Education with Confirmation Unit

6th grade Religious Education with Confirmation Unit

***6th -12th graders /Youth Group and Confirmation under the Youth Ministry Program look for information coming from Brad Farmer**

The Religious Education Umbrella

K-6 grades "RE" are offered on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Religious Ed

There are no changes for Kindergarten and 1st grade

- Religious Education focus on creation and understanding of who God is; in the persons of the Father, Jesus the Holy Spirit.
- Bible Stories
- 1st grade will work with the Bible Timeline
- Choice of Classes on either Sunday mornings, Monday or Tuesday Evenings
- If children are not baptized, parents should pick up a Baptismal Packet from the Church to prepare them for Sacramental Reception of Reconciliation in 2nd grade and Confirmation and Eucharist in 3rd grade.

2nd Grade Religious Ed

Baptized Catholic Children, age 7 or in 2nd grade and older, who have NOT received First Reconciliation

- Children in the 2nd grade will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent in the spring. We will offer classes on Sunday mornings, Monday evenings or Tuesday evenings
- 2nd graders will focus on understanding who Jesus is, and why he instituted the Sacraments
- 2nd grade will no longer include the sacrament of Eucharist. The Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist will be given in 3rd grade.

3rd Grade Religious Ed

Baptized Catholic Children, in 3rd grade who have already received First Reconciliation and Eucharist last year will receive Confirmation this year

- To move forward into 3rd grade your child must complete level 2 Reconciliation before Confirmation and Eucharist in 3rd grade. If your child has already received their First Reconciliation their next step is to register for level 3 in 3rd grade.
- Confirmation and Eucharist will be given in the 3rd grade together at the same Mass in the spring TBD
- Choice of Classes on either Sunday mornings, Monday or Tuesday Evenings

4-6 grades Religious Ed who have already received Baptism, Reconciliation and First Eucharist

(If your child is missing Baptism or First Eucharist please see packet for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children called the "RCIC")

"RE" / Children in grades 4-6 who have *received* all of the Sacraments and 4-6 graders who are missing Confirmation only will register for the regular RE classes. In the Religious Ed classes there will continue to be a Confirmation Unit in the coming years in 4-6. There will always be children coming from outside the diocese that have not been Confirmed and this will give the opportunity for those children already Confirmed to witness and share faith.

What Happens after my child is Confirmed?

The children who have already received Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist and Confirmation are now fully initiated however will now need to continue in their Religious Ed studies and deepen their faith and discipleship. The emphasis will be not only in knowledge but on a deepening of their prayer life and relationship with Jesus, small groups, retreats and service components. The children who have been confirmed will be asked to take more leadership in the classrooms and we will be developing leadership qualities as the Gifts of the Holy Spirit begin to manifest.

Parent Hour

We will have a once a month "Parent Hour" for each of the RE days (Sunday 10:45-11:45, Monday and Tuesday evening (5:50-6:50pm) you are welcome to join us.

Matthew 19:13-14

Jesus Blesses Little Children

¹³ Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people; ¹⁴ but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.

