

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES
2007 -2008
SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce that again this year, through the cooperative efforts of the staffs and catechists of St. Alphonsus Liguori and St. Louis King of France, we will be able to offer a variety of times, locations and formats for Faith Formation. Last years evaluations overwhelmingly indicated that everyone was appreciative of the different options. So, as we begin our 2007-2008 sessions, we have the unique opportunity to again expand our vision of religious education.

As you read the descriptions of the options, you will notice family involvement is a very important element in our formation. We are taking very seriously the task of working with our families and assisting them in growing in their faith.

Kindly look through this brochure and choose the Options for your young people and write your choice on the student information of your registration form. **Remember that once a selection is made, you must remain with that option for the whole year.** Please return the completed registration form and record your Confirmation Number that will be given to you when you submit the Online Registration. Please send appropriate fee payment to the Parish that you are registered.

THE FINAL DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 31, 2007. Adult facilitators and catechists will be assigned according to the August 31 deadline. Late registrants will not be guaranteed a place in their choice of learning option and may have to be placed in an "AT Home" Learning option.

In addition to the options described on the enclosed brochure, St. Louis Parish will again be offering "Wee Celebrate" Children's Church; a faith formation option based on the Sunday Gospel. Students in Catholic, public, or private schools who are four years of age through first grade may register for Children's church which is held on Sundays during the 9:30 Liturgy. Registration forms for the "Wee Celebrate: are available in the church office, in the vestibule of the church, or on the Parish Website.

If you have any concerns regarding fees or would like additional information before making a decision, please call either Carol or Audrey.

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At Home- for students in kdg through grade twelve

In this model, parents provide faith formation in the home for students in kdg. Through 6th grade using a text and parent manual. Young people in grades 7-12 may form a dyad with a parent, a mentor or a peer to work through the material. In addition, the parents, mentors and young people will attend four meetings that will provide information, answer questions, and help assess progress

The **AT HOME** meetings are scheduled from 7:00 – 8:15 pm: 10/6/07, at St. Louis, 11/29 at St. Alphonsus, 2/26/08 at St. Louis, and 5/8 at St. Alphonsus

Mini Courses – for students grades seven through twelve

Faith formation will be offered in a retreat atmosphere at St. Alphonsus. Topics offered correlate with other options.

The **Mini Courses** are scheduled from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm: 10/6/07m 10/20m 1/26/08, at St. Alphonsus, and 2/9 at St. Louis.

Lectionary – for students in kdg through grade twelve and adults

Parents accompany the young people to intergenerational presentations on the Bible followed by small group (age appropriate) discussions and activities connecting Sunday Scripture to daily living, will be offered at St. Louis Activity Center on Tuesday evenings. Families will also work with students at home on Catholic identity topics. This is a great opportunity for parents to participate in adult faith formation.

The **Lectionary** sessions are scheduled from 7:00 – 8:15 pm: 9/25/07, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 11/6, 11/13, 12/4, 12/13, 12/18, 1/15/08/, 1/22, 1/29, 2/12, 2/19, 5/5, 3/11, and 4/8.

Learning Groups – for students in kdg through grade eight

This conventional small group setting facilitated by a catechist and using textbooks will be offered at St. Alphonsus on Sunday mornings.

The **Learning Group** sessions are scheduled from 10:15 –11:45 am: 10/7/07, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16, 1/6/08, 1/20, 2/17, 3/16, 4/6, 4/20, and 5/4.

Summer Seminar – for students in grade nine through twelve

This discussion group will focus on Liturgy and Sacraments. The seminar will meet for one week at St. Alphonsus. In addition to attending the class the participants will all complete assignments. The Seminar will be composed on only 30 students, so be sure to register early!

The **Summer Seminar** is scheduled from 6:00 – 9:00 pm: 7/9/07, 7/10, 7/11, 7/12, and 7/13.

Confirmation – All Public and Catholic High School Students

To be enrolled in our Confirmation process, candidates must also attend Faith Formation Classes or a Catholic High School. The process is completed over a three year period. There are two meetings scheduled each year and the candidates are also expected to attend a yearly retreat and complete yearly service projects.

Elementary Kdg – 5 th Grade and Middle School 6 th Grade				
Options	Location	Day	Time	# of Sessions
At Home	Varied	Varied	7:00 – 8:15	4 mtgs.
Lectionary	St. Louis	Tuesday	7:00 – 8:15	17 weeks
Learning Groups	St. Alphonsus	Sunday	10:00 – 11:30 am	14 weeks

Middle School – Grades 7 th & 8 th				
Options	Location	Day	Time	# of Sessions
Mini Courses	Varied	Saturday	9:30 am – 3 pm	4 per year
At Home	Varied	Varied	7:00 – 8:15 pm	4 mtgs.
Lectionary	St. Louis	Tuesday	7:00 – 8:15	17 weeks
Learning Groups	St. Alphonsus	Sunday	10:00 – 11:30 am	14 wks

High School – Grades 9 th – 12 th				
Options	Location	Day	Time	# of Sessions
Mini Courses	Varied	Saturday	9:30 am – 3 pm	4 per year
At Home	Varied	Varied	7:00 – 8:15 pm	4 mtgs.
Lectionary	St. Louis	Tuesday	7:00 – 8:15 pm	17 weeks
Learning Groups	St. Alphonsus	Mon – Fri 7/9/07-7/13	6:00-9:00 pm	5 days plus an assignment

*It may be counted for the 06-07 school year or used for the 07-08 school year formation

Confirmation – High School – Grades 9 th – 12 th ...Students in Public and Catholic Schools			
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
St. Alphonsus Saturday s 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Invitation 2 meeting each year	Formation 2 meetings each year	Reflection 2 meetings each year
	10/13/07	11/3/07	12/15/07
	1/19/08	2/16/08	3/8/08