

Calendar Details Class of 2011

- Catechist Meetings are for the Faith Theme Instructors only. Candidates **do not** attend these meetings. They are designed to provide necessary information to the Faith Theme instructors.
- The **Night of Beginning** on **Wednesday, September 9th** is a **MANDATORY** gathering of the entire class including Sponsor Catechists and candidates. It is the formal opening of the Confirmation formation year. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend the **Rite of Initiation** which begins at 8:30 p.m. in the Church. The new candidates will be receiving a bible which they will use throughout their preparation period. Candidates should be at the school auditorium by 6:45 p.m. The evening concludes at 9:30 p.m. in the Church. **Candidates will not be permitted to begin the Confirmation program unless they are in attendance for this very important event. Please make arrangements now for any conflicts in your schedule.**
- A **Faith Theme** session is the small group gathering that takes place on **Sunday afternoons from 4:00 pm until 5:30 pm** in the Church building. There are 8 Faith Theme sessions scheduled for the Class of 2011 between September 2009 and April 2010.
*****PLEASE NOTE** whether you child is in Group A, B or C, depending upon their Sponsor Catechist's name. Sponsor Catechist's names, along with the group they are in, are listed on the bottom of the calendar. Sponsor Catechists will be contacting those candidates in their group during the last week in August.
*****ALSO NOTE** that the Faith Theme Sessions in **DECEMBER** will be held in the **SCHOOL**, not the church.
- Approximately every 6 weeks there will be a **Teen Mass** beginning at 7:00 p.m. Candidates should arrive by 6:45 p.m. Homilies will be used to reinforce the Faith Theme sessions and enlighten the candidates on other subjects such as the Saints, our Blessed Mother, the Holy Spirit and the Sacraments. Teen Masses are usually finished by 8:15 p.m. and refreshments are served afterwards. Parents and family are always welcome.
- On **April 1st (Holy Thursday)** there will be a **Confirmation Retreat**. It is one of the most significant events of the year. The **National Evangelical Team (N.E.T.)**, a group of a dozen young people, ages 18-25 will provide an exciting retreat. This team provides retreats for teenagers throughout the nation. We are very fortunate to be able to have them for our candidates. The past several retreats have been excellent with very positive comments coming from our teens. This retreat takes place on **Holy Thursday** in the school auditorium beginning at 4:00 p.m. and concluding at 10:00 p.m. **All candidates must attend.** It is a requirement for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Dinner will be served to the candidates at approximately 5:30 p.m. Small group discussions, prayer services and interesting presentations are all a part of the retreat.
- The **Introduction to Community Service** meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 22nd** from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. At this meeting, an extensive explanation concerning the candidate's community service requirement will be given. Parents should attend this meeting with their son or daughter. Each candidate will then have the opportunity to sign up for various service projects that take place throughout the upcoming year.