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(Grades 1-5)



(Grades 6-7)



(Grade 8)

Schedule of Classes 2023-24

includes

**Religious Education classes
and Sacramental Prep classes
for First Communion
and Confirmation**

*New and returning families
are always welcome!*

REMINDER:

Finances should never prevent a child from enrolling in our programs.
Please contact Mrs. Connie or Mrs. Frances
at our church office to discuss financial assistance.

New High School Youth Ministry Program

- No registration/fee required.
- Participation/attendance optional.
- Sign-in may be necessary at events.
- **More details TBA!**



SPARK Religious Education for Grades 1-5

Coordinator: Mrs. Frances T. Toups

- All sessions are mandatory for students in Grades 1-5.
- Sunday Sessions meet from **9:15 – 10:45 a.m.** in the **religious education classrooms** located behind our church.
- Join **Flocknote** for updates and reminders!
- However, in the event of an absence, **Make-up Packets** for our Sunday Sessions and the Elementary Summer Religion Program are linked to the **SPARK Elementary Religious Education webpage** of our church website (www.ololcatholic.com).

Sunday Sessions for Grades 1-2		Sunday Sessions for Grades 3-5	
Sunday Session 1-a	October 22	Sunday Session 1-b	October 29
Sunday Session 2-a	December 3	Sunday Session 2-b	December 10
Sunday Session 3-a	February 4	Sunday Session 3-b	February 11
Sunday Session 4-a	March 17	Sunday Session 4-b	March 24

Elementary Summer Religion Program (Grades 1-5) dates TBA

Because our school year doesn't officially end until June 30, all registered elementary children are expected to attend the Sunday Sessions and the two-week summer program in their current (**2023-24**) grade level.

EDGE Classes for Grades 6-7

Coordinator: Mrs. Annette Oliva



- All sessions are mandatory for students in Grades 6-7.
- **Monday evening EDGE sessions** are held from **6:15-7:30 p.m.** in the **Pope John Paul II Church Parish Hall**.
- Join **Flocknote** for updates and reminders!

September 11, 18 • October 2, 9, 23, 30 • November 13, 27

December 4, 18 • January 8, 22 • February 5, 19, 26 • March 4, 18 • April 8 (for Confessions), 15, 22

Retreat TBA

First Communion Preparation (for Candidates in Grades 2-5)

Coordinator: Mrs. Frances T. Toups

- **Unless otherwise noted in the charts below**, candidates in Grade 2 and older Candidates in Grades 3-5 will gather for First Communion Prep in our **religious education classrooms** on **Thursday evenings** from **6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
- Join **Flocknote** for updates and reminders.
- **Make-up packets** for Thursday night classes are linked to the **First Communion webpage** of our church website: (www.ololcatholic.com).
- **NOTE:** First Communion **Candidates in Grades 6-12** will meet with Mrs. Frances T. Toups (or another adult volunteer) on church property in weekly afternoon classes which are typically scheduled immediately after public school dismisses. (No classes are planned on school holidays/evenings unless inclement weather forces make-up classes for multiple canceled classes.) She will call interested parents in September to schedule the first date of those classes.

First Confession Classes	
Mandatory Parent Meeting #1 (to review Confession with First Communion Parents) and "Welcome" Class for Candidates	Thursday, October 5; 6:30 p.m.; everyone will gather in Church Parish Hall
Confession Class #1	Thursday, October 19
Confession Class #2	Thursday, November 2
Confession Class #3	Thursday, November 16
Confession Class #4	Thursday, November 30
First Communion Classes	
Mandatory Parent Meeting #2 (to review Communion with First Communion Parents) and "Church Tour" for Candidates	Thursday, December 14; 6:30 p.m.; everyone will gather in Church Parish Hall
Communion Class #1	Thursday, January 11
Communion Class #2	Thursday, January 25
Communion Class #3	Thursday, February 8
Communion Class #4	Thursday, February 22
Communion Class #5	Thursday, March 7

Retreats	
Confession Retreat <u>All</u> candidates attend.	Thursday, March 14 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Gather in Big Classroom
Communion Retreat Each candidate will attend only one Communion Retreat! NOTES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates will be divided into two groups by alphabetical order, but parents may contact Mrs. Frances to switch dates if there is a conflict on their family's calendar. • Unless plans change, Candidates will sit with their family during First Communion Mass. Decisions regarding family seating (arrive early to pick your pew <u>or</u> "lottery") will be made and shared at a later date. 	Saturday, March 16 or Saturday, March 23 10:00 a.m. Gather in Church Parish Hall 11:00 a.m.: Parents join us in church. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates taste an <u>un</u>consecrated host and receive a Rosary from our church parish. • Parents hear details regarding First Communion Mass. 11:30 a.m.: First Confessions begin. Each Candidate will be dismissed as soon as his/her First Confession is complete.

First Communion Mass and Cupcake/Punch Reception

Divine Mercy Sunday; April 7, 2024
5:00 p.m. Mass

Mass details will be discussed at the Communion Retreats.

Regardless of their age or grade level,
all First Communion Candidates will **memorize and recite traditional, sacred prayers** for Mrs. Frances (or her volunteers) **throughout** the current school year.

- Most of those prayers on our Grade 2 First Communion Prayer Sheet are used during or in the assigned penance after **Confession** and should be checked off on your child's individual chart before your child's date of First Confession. Copies of our First Communion Prayer Sheet and a **suggested** timeline for learning these prayers will be distributed at **Parent Meeting #1** in October.
- Mrs. Frances will link a chart of **available Prayer Appointments** to the First Communion page (www.ololcatholic.com/first-communion) of our church website. It will be updated once or twice each week. Some appointments will be scheduled in the afternoon after elementary schools dismiss while other appointments will be scheduled on days/holidays when public schools are not in session. When possible, appointments may also be available on a few Thursday evenings when we do **not** meet for Confession or Communion Classes. Parents are encouraged to view the available dates/times ASAP and email or call Mrs. Frances to book appointments. (Email: ftoups@gmail.com; Church Office phone: 937-6888; please leave a voicemail when necessary!)
- Please know that the "Prayer Appointment" portion of our Sacramental Prep program is **not** intended to "stress out" parents and/or children! If your child struggles to memorize information (or if "homework time" often becomes a "battle field" in your home), **please allow Mrs. Frances to meet with him/her to assess his/her capabilities**. If a learning disability is the root cause, she will make use of other options/suggestions. However, in most of these "battle field" situations, **parents have been surprised** to find that many children can memorize prayers quicker/easier with the help of a third party—and Mrs. Frances is willing to help!
- Please begin scheduling Prayer Appointments **early** in the school year to avoid undue stress in March/April 2024!

2023-24 Sacramental Prep for Confirmation

(Grade 8; high school candidates are welcome)

Revised: August 9, 2023

- **UPDATED INFO:** We have been able to secure the help of more volunteer teachers for Confirmation prep! Confirmation candidates may choose to attend class from **6:15 - 7:30 p.m.** on **Sunday nights** **or** on **Monday nights**.
- **UPDATED INFO:** Candidates will not be bound to a specific night. In any given week, if a candidate cannot attend class on Sunday night, he/she may attend class on Monday night. Likewise, if a candidate knows that he/she cannot attend class on Monday night, he/she should plan to attend class on Sunday night. Each box on the attendance chart will be marked with an "S" or "M" to indicate the day on which each candidate attended class. We hope that the Sunday/Monday option may eliminate the need for a "test" at the end of the year for three (3) or more absences, but we reserve the right to administer a "test" if needed.
- If at all possible, Confirmation candidates in Grades 9-12 will meet in a separate classroom.
- All candidates will gather in the church parish hall to begin class on the first scheduled class dates (September 10 or 11).

Topics to be Covered in Confirmation Prep (Grade 8 or older)	Sunday or Monday
God Speaks: Revelation, Faith, Scripture	September 10 or 11
Who is God?: God's Existence, the Mystery of Trinity and Creation (especially Faith and Science)	September 17 or 18
Jesus the Christ: Jesus' Identity, Mission, and Paschal Mystery	October 1 or 2
The Bride: Mystery of the Church and Last Things	October 8 or 9
Encountering Christ Today: Worship and the Sacraments	October 22 or 23
The Sacraments of Initiation and the Mass	October 29 or 30
The Sacraments of Healing and Service	November 12 or 13
The Feasts and Seasons of the Liturgical Year	November 26 or 27
A New Humanity: Human Nature and the Natural Law, Original Sin, Grace, and the Call to Holiness	December 3 or 4
The Fundamentals: The Ten Commandments	December 17 or 18
The Essentials: Virtues, Gifts, Beatitudes	January 7 or 8
The Challenges: The Theology of the Body	January 21 or 22
How to Talk to God: Basics of Prayer	February 4 or 5
The Paths to God: Spiritualities and Charisms	February 18 or 19
Five Practices: Adoration, Lectio Divina, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Retreat	February 25 or 26
A Life of Prayer and Spiritual Growth	March 3 or 4
Confirmation Class 1: A Personal Pentecost	March 17 or 18
Confirmation Class 2: At the Service of the Church	April 7 or 8
Here I Take My Stand: Vocations and States of Life	April 14 or 15
But What About...? Difficult Questions (<i>Questions & Answers with Fr. Sensat</i>)	April 21 or 22
Pilgrimage to Saint Joseph Abbey in Covington	Saturday, April 27
<div> <div> Confirmation Rehearsal (for Candidates & Sponsors) Wednesday, May 1, 2024; 5:00 p.m. in Parish Hall; arrive at 4:45 </div> <div> Confirmation Mass Wednesday, May 1, 2024; 6:00 p.m. </div> </div>	