



# August 15

## Feast of the Assumption!

*Come Follow Me*

Confirmation Program  
Monthly Newsletter  
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LET US RUN TO MARY, AND, AS HER LITTLE CHILDREN, CAST OURSELVES INTO HER ARMS WITH A PERFECT CONFIDENCE – ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

### Welcome!

Whether you're entirely new to Nativity's Confirmation program or you're coming back for the second year to prepare for the Sacrament, on behalf of all the volunteers and the Office of Religious Education, Welcome!

We are all working very hard to make sure that this year is going to be the best that Nativity has ever had. If you would, please take a few moments to read through this and we'll briefly cover the highlights of the program that we've put together for this upcoming year.



### New Group Discussion Format

Tired of going to class? Us too! Instead of the standard classroom format, we are implementing a small group model for all participants. One Mentor will be helping each group of 12 (How many apostles followed Jesus?) to discuss all different aspects of our Christian Faith and the plan God has for His children. Most importantly, what it means for them and how to live the life He is calling them to live. Being a Christian Disciple in the world of today is certainly no easier today than it was when Jesus walked among us. Our Mentors are here to help their groups discuss the problems they face and learn how to live the life of Discipleship despite all of the difficulties posed by outside forces.

### Parish Breakfasts

Every Sunday in the Annex Nativity will have coffee and donuts available for parishioners to have the opportunity to get to know all of the others in our community, and the Mentor-led groups in the Confirmation program are taking turns hosting them!

### GoodWorks Corps

"So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" – James 2:17

All program enrollees are automatically members of this new organization developed to cooperate with the abundant Graces of God by sharing in Good Works. Projects will take place every month and are decided on by each Confirmation Group together. Soup kitchens & community cleanup are just a couple of the many possible projects.

### Sunday Fellowships & Mass

One Sunday a month (check the schedule!) all 5 groups from year 1 or year 2 will gather together in the Annex. Not just for Candidates, both parents and sponsors will come together as a community sharing our common goal of preparing these Candidates to receive the Sacrament. All while delving deeper into our Catholic Faith and our relationship with the God who made us.

### Adult Faith Formation

Part of the focus of our program is to build up EVERYONE involved to better help both parents and sponsors fulfill their Christian duties. This is why attendance is required of both parents and sponsors. Our Adult Faith

Formation program is utilizing Symbolon, a new video series filmed all over the world to present the BIG picture of Catholicism in an easy-to-watch format. Not just a great tool, but a truly enjoyable experience. Join us!

### A Prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori to the Blessed Virgin

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Sweet heart of Mary, be my salvation!

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

### Calendar Reminders

Here are a few highlights but you can download a new copy from <http://www.nativityore.org/my-forms>

**ALL Sundays in August 9am-2pm** – Pick up applications for Confirmation both years 1 and 2! Interviews with Group Mentors to be scheduled during these same times

**Tuesday, September 5 & 12** – Last chance to register for the Confirmation Program from 4pm-7pm

**Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** – Kickoff for year 2!

**Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** – Kickoff for year 1!