

Catechesis Calendar for 2009-2010

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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27	28	29	30			

Catechist meetings Sept. 2 & 9

7:00 p.m. – Parish Hall

Altar Server Training Sept. 27, after

9:00 a.m. mass in the church

Catechesis begins the week of

Sept. 13

Catechetical/Cinnamon Sunday

Sept. 13

October

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

No Catechesis Oct. 11

(Covered Bridge Weekend)

1st Communion Parent Mtg., Oct. 18

Canned Food Drive, Oct. 21

Reggie's Sleepout Oct. 24

No Catechesis Oct. 26 & 28

Catechist Formation, Wed., Oct. 28

November

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29	30					

No Catechesis Nov. 23, 25, 29

Catechist Formation, Mon., Nov. 23

Confirmation Parent Mtg., Nov. 1

Youth Rally

Pumpkin Brunch Nov. 8

NCYC Nov. 19-22

December

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27	28	29	30			

Confirmation Retreat, Dec. 5 & 6

St. Nicholas Brunch, Dec. 6

H.S./J.H. Christmas Caroling Dec. 16

No Catechesis Dec. 20, 21, 23

Dec. 27, 28, 30

January

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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No Catechesis Jan. 3, 4, 6

Catechist Formation Wed., Jan. 6

Confirmation Brunch Jan. 31

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February

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<u>28</u>						

7th Grade Confirmation Mtg. Feb. 7
 Souper Bowl Sunday Feb. 7
 Valentine/Chocolate Brunch Feb. 14
 No Catechesis Feb. 14, 15, 17
 (Ash Wed.)
Catechist Formation, Mon., Feb. 15
1st Communion Parent Mtg., Feb. 21

March

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1st Communion Meditations:
 March 7 & 14
 St. Patrick's Brunch Mar. 14
 Communal Penance Mar. 17
 No Catechesis March 21, 22, 24
 March 28, 29, 31
Catechist Formation, Mon., Mar. 29

April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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18	19	20	<u>21</u>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Food Fast April 1 & 2
 No Catechesis Easter Sun. Apr. 4
 Easter Season Brunch, Apr. 11
 Graduation Brunch, Apr. 25
 End-of-Year Celebration Apr. 28, 6:00
 1st Communion Meditations:
 April 11, 18, 25

May

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30	31					

1st Communion Retreat
 May 6 3:30-6:00
 May 7 3:30-7:30
 1st Communion: May 8 & 9
Catechist Formation Wed., May 12

Dates = No catechesis

Dates = Catechesis

Dates = Brunches, Dinners, Potlucks

Meetings, Retreats, Meditation

Catechist Formation Sessions

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First Eucharist Meetings for Parents

Sunday, Oct. 18, 10:15 in the Church

Meeting Agenda

- Reconciliation
- Prayer Partners
- Mass time Sign up

Sunday, Feb. 21, 10:15 in the Church

Meeting Agenda

- Eucharist
- Number of family members attending dinner
- Sign up to help during Retreat

Friday, May 7

3:30 – Snacks

3:45 – Crafts

5:00 – Reconciliation in the Church & Renewal of Baptismal Vows

6:00 – Dinner in Hall

(Prayer partners should plan to arrive at 5:00)

Saturday, May 8 - Practice in Church

5:00 Mass families practice at 9:00 a.m.

9:00 Mass families practice at 9:30 a.m.

*I will need a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate if he/she was not Baptized here.

First Eucharist Meditations for Children - 2010

True Vine Atrium-Sundays 8:00-8:45am

March 7	True Vine 1
March 14	True Vine 2
April 11	Found Sheep & Found Coin
April 18	Forgiving Father
April 25	The Centurion's Servant

First Eucharist Retreat for Children - 2010

Thursday, May 6

3:30 – Snacks

3:45 – Review 5 Meditations, Gift Strip & Reconciliation Booklet

5:00 – Mock Reconciliation & Mass in the Atrium

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2009-2010 Confirmation Information & Schedule:

Preparation for confirmation is a two-year process. This year the focus is on Social Justice using, *"That's Not Fair!"* This program speaks to young people's sensitivity regarding what is fair and unfair. The Catholic Church has much to say about social injustice. This program gives our young people the opportunity to learn about Catholic Social Doctrine.

Part of the confirmation process involves acts of service. As a group, we will be trick-or-treating for canned goods for the multi-purpose center, collecting items for a Thanksgiving basket, making blankets for the St. Joseph Family Shelter, hosting the Easter Season Brunch and donating money from the brunch to a cause selected by children.

Schedule for Jr. High:

Sept. 16	M&M Game (7 th graders receive journals)
Sept. 23	Wishes Movie
Sept. 30	Soul Making (Lesson 3&4)
Oct. 7	Soul Making (Lesson 5)
Oct. 14	Soul Making (Lesson 6)
Oct. 21	<i>Canned Food Drive</i>
Nov. 4	Researching & Preparing a short presentation about a Saint
Nov. 11	Finishing Saint project & giving Saint presentations <i>(Bring food items for Thanksgiving Basket)</i>
Nov. 18	Place Saint on Timeline Prepare a budget
Dec. 2	Cost of a Decent Life
Dec. 9	Who Decides (This involves a trip to a social service agency – perhaps on a Sat. or Sun.)
Dec. 16	Christmas Caroling & Party
Jan. 13	An Act of Charity
Jan. 17	(Sun.) Blanket Making for St. Joseph Family Shelter
Jan. 20	Loop Game

Jan. 27	Jumping Through Ropes & Challenging Rule Makers (Lesson 12 & 13)
Feb. 3	Explaining a Justice Issue (Advance preparation involves catechists choosing a Social Justice issue.)
Feb. 10	Illustrating the Issue & Advocacy: Writing Letters to Representatives & preparing a presentation on the issue to present
Feb. 24	Mass Prep
Mar. 3	Mass w/ parents & sponsors. Children present Social Justice Issue. (Cookies & Punch afterwards)
Mar. 10	*Reconciliation: 7 th graders *Letters to Bishop & Review of Rite of Confirmation: 8 th graders
Mar. 17	Putting It All Together & Final Evaluation
Apr. 7	Love Is Patient
Apr. 14	*Scavenger Hunt: 7 th *Confirmation Practice 8 th graders & at least one parent or sponsor
Apr. 21	Confirmation – 8 th grade. 7 th grade help w/ reception
Apr. 28	Potluck & End-of-Year Celebration

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Confirmation Information for 7th graders:

1. 7th graders should decide upon a confirmation sponsor before Feb. 7th, 2010.
2. Meeting for 7th graders, their parents, and their sponsor is 10:15a.m. after mass, **Feb. 7**, in the Holy Spirit Atrium.
3. 7th graders should begin collecting photos and magazine pictures that remind them of God's presence. These can be photos of friends, family, pets, places, special occasions etc. Tape or glue these pictures in journal provided and beneath each picture answer the following questions:
 - a. Where do I experience God's presence in my life?
 - b. How do I respond?

For example, beneath a picture of your family, you might write:

- a. I experience God's presence in the love of my family.
- b. I respond by thanking God for my family and trying to be a loving member of my family.

7th graders will share these journals with their parents and sponsor at the meeting Feb. 7th.

Selecting a Sponsor Information:

- A sponsor is required for the candidate to be confirmed. Parents cannot be sponsors for their children.
- Any Catholic 16 years or older can be a sponsor if he or she has received confirmation and the Eucharist and is practicing the faith.
- The first choice for a confirmation sponsor would be one of the candidate's godparents to show the close connection

between baptism and confirmation.

- A second choice would be a confirmed Catholic whom the candidate admires and who bears witness to the gospel in his or her everyday life. Ideally, the sponsor would be a member of the candidate's parish.
- Sponsors do not have to be of the same gender as the candidate.

Jan. 31: There will be a brunch for this year's confirmation candidates, their families & sponsors on Sunday, Jan. 31, after the 9:00 a.m. mass. The 7th graders & their families will be asked to provide food and help with serving the brunch and cleaning up afterward.

Apr. 11: Easter Season Brunch - hosted by Jr. High. Please bring a breakfast casserole **and** muffins, cinnamon rolls, coffee cake or fruit. Plan to help serve the brunch and clean up afterwards.

Apr. 21: Confirmation – 7th graders help host reception.

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Jr. High Snack Schedule:

	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>
Sept.23	Rachel A.	Bradley B
Sept.30	Riley C.	Shelby J.
Oct. 7	Evan C.	Austin L.
Oct. 14	Kyla D.	Blake M.
Nov. 4	Cullen D.	Sam M.
Nov. 11	Britton G.	Jaimi N.
Nov. 18	Carolyn J.	Shaun N.
Dec. 2	Emily&Jenny J.	Daniel S.
Dec. 9	Jacob L.	Kelly R.
Jan. 13	Patrick M.	Jacob S.
Jan. 20	Jordan T.	Courtne T
Jan. 27	Evan C.	Caitlyn W.
Feb. 3	Cullen D.	Daniel S
Feb. 10	Rachel A.	Tracy W.
Feb. 24	Riley C.	Shelby J.
Mar. 3	Kyla D.	Jaimi N.
Mar. 17	Reconciliation	Sam M.
Apr. 7	Britton G.	Kelly R.
Apr. 14	Nick B.	Cory B.

(Parents are asked to provide a snack for Jr. High children. Please bring enough snacks to serve 15.)

8th Grade Confirmation Information:

Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation. In *Renewing Catechetical Ministry - A Future Agenda*, Richard J. Reichert says, "As a sacrament of initiation, confirmation is designed to initiate the person not so much into the church, which was already achieved at baptism, but into the mission of the church. The goal of catechesis is discipleship formation – a kind of apprentice program for discipleship similar to the one provided the very first disciples by Jesus prior to their Pentecost experience. Confirmation can then be viewed as the sacramental celebration that marks the end of that apprenticeship and the beginning (initiation) of the disciples' official mission and ministry within the community of disciples."

Choosing a Confirmation Name

The present Rite of confirmation links the celebration of confirmation to baptism and therefore makes no mention of a separate confirmation name, presuming that those being confirmed will be addressed by the name given at baptism. Therefore, children are not required to choose a confirmation name different from the name given them at baptism. However, they may choose a different name if they so desire. Taking a new name can be symbolic of a new stage in life. There is a biblical history of names being changed, for example, Abram to Abraham. Choosing a saint's name that the child feels a special devotion to or researching the lives of saints and then choosing a saint's name that speaks to the child about how to live out their baptismal commitment is a centuries old custom that may still be valuable today.

Please return the following:

1. A copy of your baptismal certificate, if you were not baptized in this parish.
2. The first page from the "Faith Sharing" packet given to you at the confirmation meeting in 7th grade with topics for discussion by you and your sponsor. Return no later than Jan. 31 at the Confirmation Brunch. This paper can be mailed to:

Teresa Hoffelmeyer
1026 N. 8th Ave.
Winterset, IA 50273

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8th Grade Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 1 - Parent Meeting 10:15 a.m., Holy Spirit Atrium.
- Jan. 31 Enrollment of Names & Confirmation Brunch.
 - Each candidate will be called forward along with parents and sponsor.
 - One parent will be asked to introduce their child & say a brief word about him/her.
 - Each child will be invited to sign the book of enrollment.
- Confirmation Retreat at Conception Abbey, Dec.5&6
 - We will leave at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday and return at approximately 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- Confirmation Practice, 7:00 p.m., Apr.14
- Confirmation, 7:00 p.m., Apr. 21
Reception following
- Easter Season Brunch, Apr. 11.