

We cannot know our Faith unless we practice our Faith.

The goal of our Faith Formation program is to provide your children with basic knowledge and good understanding of our Catholic Faith. We hope that by Confirmation class each and every student is fully prepared for the Sacrament emotionally, intellectually and spiritually. We hope they are able to make the connection between Faith and daily life. We hope they are truly inspired to continue their Faith Journey and chose to grow in their Faith by practicing their Faith. Confirmation is the beginning not the END.

By sending your children to Faith Formation you are passing Faith onto them, you are showing them that you feel it is important. You are encouraging them to continue you are keeping it from extinction. We as teachers only have 20 - 28 hours per year with them so we are simply planting a tiny seed. It is up to you to cultivate that seed and continue to nurture it.

We have wonderful volunteers who are willing to dedicate their time and talents to teaching your children and enable them to grow in their Faith. Because we want to keep these wonderful volunteers we must have policies in place. Without policies students tend to come and go, and a few at times tend to make poor choices and cause disruption in the classroom. If we allow these situations to continue we will lose good teachers and our program will fail.

Therefore, please read the enclosed policies on attendance and behavior and please discuss them with your children.

As always if you have comments or concerns,

Please email me at sta.ff@frontier.com

Text or call 920 – 980 - 9591

St. Thomas Aquinas Attendance Policy

5th, 6th, and 7th graders, Students are allowed to miss 2 classes without having to complete make up work. If the student misses a 3rd class the missed work or comparable assignment will need to be completed. Assignments will be emailed and need to be completed within two weeks of receipt. This policy applies to any additional missed classes.

8th and 9th graders, Students are allowed to miss one class without having to do make up work. If the student misses a second class the missed work or comparable assignment will need to be completed. Assignments will be emailed and need to be completed within 2 weeks of receipt. This policy applies to any additional missed classes with a maximum of 2.

10th and 11th graders, Attendance is **MANDATORY** at all classes. Any missed class will be made up with a maximum of 1 class. **This means you must attend all classes along with other Confirmation Prep related scheduled activities.**

3rd -11th graders may have Mandatory Retreats scheduled. These Retreats obviously are not optional but a **requirement** of the Faith Formation Program. Please help us impress upon your child that these Retreats are typically a fun rewarding positive experience. They will receive back from these Retreats whatever they put into them and so much more. The retreat team members are well trained and are extremely good at their job. Last year we had nothing but positive feedback from all who attended.

2nd graders any second grader wishing to receive Holy Eucharist must physically attend class on a regular basis along with completion of additional activities and take home work.

All students wishing to be confirmed **must physically attend the program from 5th grade on.** They must adhere to the attendance and behavior policies in place. We do not allow Home Schooling after 4th grade.

If there is a situation pertaining to your child such as a special need (learning or behavior concern) we do need to be aware of this. Please contact me, we are willing to work with any family. We have often had volunteers work with students individually to get them caught up. Please let me know if you have concerns

Please see back of this page for grade specific behavior policy

St. Thomas Aquinas Faith Formation Behavior Policy (Varies by grade level)

The Catechist here at St. Thomas strive to provide your children with great Faith Formation. You as parents enroll your children with this expectation. At times Catechist are unable to teach due to disruptive behaviors in the classroom. These behaviors take attention away from the other students and impedes the learning process. Since we only have 24 hours we cannot tolerate any behavior related issues.

Therefore the following policy is in place.

Disruptive behavior, which is any behavior disrupting the class or any behavior causing the teacher to interrupt teaching.

2nd – 4th Grade.

#1 - - A verbal warning is given to the student.

#2 - - A phone call will be made to the parents **by the director**.

#3 - - A written warning will be issued to the parent, **by the director**.

#4 - - If a 4th warning is needed the parents will need to come in and set up a behavior plan with Director, student and teacher present and also must attend the following class with their son or daughter to ensure that behavior plan is implemented as discussed.

5th – 8th Grade

#1 - - A verbal warning is given to the student.

2 - - A phone call is made to the parents **by the director**.

#3 - - A written warning is issued to the parents **by the director**, a meeting / behavior plan is set up with student, parents, teacher and director present. The child returns to class with parent present for the following session to ensure that behavior plan is implemented as discussed.

If the behavior continues or arises again, we will schedule a second time to meet with you. If there are situations regarding your child causing specific issues or behaviors please keep me informed. We are more than willing to work with you and your child. We want children to be successful and we want the journey to be positive and rewarding for all concerned.

High School students are expected to behave and act respectfully, after one verbal warning a meeting will be set up with parents and a plan will be put into place.