

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES-ST ADALBERT PARISH

The Our Lady of Lourdes – St Adalbert Religious Education Program provides our children with on-going faith formation and help in the development of their understanding and their practice of being Catholic in the world today. Parents are the primary educators of their children. Our program serves to support and enhance this important mission. We offer programs for Kindergarten through Confirmation (usually age 15).

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The program runs from mid-August through April. Each year ends with our May Crowning on the first Sunday in May.

Registration may be done at this website or by contacting the Parish Office at 402-346-0900.

CLASSES

All grades meet on Sunday morning from 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM. Students meet with their volunteer teachers in the Our Lady of Lourdes school building. Students follow a defined curriculum and are introduced to the Child Safe Environment program (Circle of Grace) endorsed by the Archdiocese of Omaha.

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation for these sacraments is a two (2) year process that normally begins in 1st Grade. During the year, the students learn about their Faith, God, Jesus and the Church. They also learn traditional prayers such as The Our Father and the Hail Mary.

The second year begins with immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The students learn about sin and about God's love, mercy and forgiveness. The sacrament is generally received in early December.

The children then learn about the importance of Mass and the Eucharist. The children should attend Mass every weekend and the Holydays. First Communion is traditionally held on the first Sunday after Easter Sunday.

Provisions are made for children past the age of 3rd grade who have not received these Sacraments.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a two-year process during which the candidate attends class, performs service for their family, their community and their parish. A student learns about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how we use them in our daily lives. There is a mandatory retreat for the candidates. The Sacrament is traditionally received in the Spring.

Please remember, Confirmation is not simply a "box to check off", but a Sacrament where the Holy Spirit is sealed within us. Full participation in all phases of the preparation is strongly encouraged.