

ST ALPHONSUS CHRISTIAN FORMATION 2021-22 PROGRAM INFORMATION

Registration is a 2-Step Process

Step #1 Enroll:

- [Online](#) **OR**
- Paper - Paper copies of the registration form are available at the Parish Ministry Center and on our [website](#). Completed registration forms can be brought to our office or mailed to: St Alphonsus Christian Formation, 5960 W Loomis Rd, Greendale, WI 53129.

Step #2 Payment:

- Electronic Payment (ACH, debit or credit) - used for families who wish to pay tuition in **FULL**. Please use [WeShare](#) to pay entire Christian Formation tuition **OR**
- Cash or Check - for partial payments and deposits. Checks should be made payable to *St Alphonsus CF*. Bring cash or checks to our office or drop it in the mail (we do not advise mailing cash payments) at: St Alphonsus Christian Formation, 5960 W Loomis Rd, Greendale, WI 53129.

Tuition Rates

Tuition Rates for 2021-22 are as follows:

- \$125 per child if registration form and a minimum of \$25 per child non-refundable tuition deposit is received in our office on or before August 31, 2021. Full tuition is due the first day of class.
- \$150 per child if registration form and a minimum of \$25 per child non-refundable tuition deposit is received in our office September 1, 2021 or later. Full tuition is due the first day of class.
- There is a separate \$15 Bible fee for Fourth Grade or for any family that would like to purchase a children's Bible.

The tuition amount reflects only a percentage of the actual per student cost that is incurred by the parish.

No family will be turned away because of their financial situation. We offer [tuition assistance](#) and payment plans. Please contact our office for more information.

Important Dates

Our [Christian Formation Calendar 2021-2022](#) has class dates and times as well important dates for our Sacrament programs.

- Information Meeting for First Reconciliation & First Communion families - Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 6 PM in the church.
- Information Meeting for Confirmation families - Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 7 PM in the church.

Please note that we are not having a general Christian Formation Orientation.

Sacrament Preparation Programs:

Below are the guidelines for students to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation:

- **First Reconciliation/First Communion** - A student must attend Christian Formation classes or a Catholic school the year *prior* to the year they will receive the Sacraments. Once enrolled, full participation and attendance in scheduled Christian Formation classes, retreat and weekend Masses are essential to be fully immersed in understanding and receiving the Sacraments. A

separate program [registration](#) and [fee](#) for the First Reconciliation/First Communion year is required along with registration in Christian Formation classes (students who attend a Catholic School do not need to register for Christian Formation classes).

Traditionally, a student receives First Reconciliation/First Communion in second grade; however, children in older grades who have not received these Sacraments are welcome in the program. Please contact our office so we can make a plan with you.

- **Confirmation** - A student must attend Christian Formation classes or a Catholic high school during their Sophomore year. Making the decision to be a confirmed Catholic requires a commitment to the process and attendance is crucial. Classes start at 8 AM Sunday Mass with an enrichment class of instruction, prayer and reflection after Mass. A Confirmation retreat is required (additional information about the retreat and retreat fees will be communicated at a later date).

Volunteers

Our program needs volunteers to make it successful and we are looking for more people to help by being catechists or classroom assistants. We provide training, lesson plans and support for all our volunteers. Volunteers must complete the [Safeguarding All God's Family](#) program. Catechists/Assistants with children in our program receive a tuition discount! Do you know someone who would like to volunteer, but does not have children in our program (neighbors, college students, grandparents etc)? We would love to talk with them so please give them our contact information (found below). Please contact our office if you have questions or would like more details about becoming a catechist or an assistant.

Athletics

Christian Formation students are welcome to participate in the St Alphonsus Athletics if they are in good standing in our program. Good standing means the student had/has good class attendance **AND** the Christian Formation tuition is paid in full before the sport season begins.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 414.421.2442 or email us at christianformation@st-alphonsus.org.

Please note the Christian Formation office is closed from June 10, 2021 - August 16, 2021. We will not process any registrations or tuition/fee payments during that time and will be unavailable to answer any emails.

Our [website](#) is also a great source of information for everything you need to know.

We look forward to another great year!