

# ST ALPHONSUS CHRISTIAN FORMATION 2022-23 PROGRAM INFORMATION

## Registration is a Two-Step Process

### Step #1 Enroll:

Enrollment can be done online or with a paper registration form. All registration forms can be found on our [website](#). Paper registration forms are also available at the Parish Ministry Center. Completed paper registration forms can be brought to our office or mailed to: St Alphonsus Christian Formation, 5960 W Loomis Rd, Greendale, WI 53129.

New this year we are offering a family model program - LIFE (Living Intergenerational Family Experiences) for families with children in grades 5K-5th grade.

We invite you to explore **LIFE-“Living Intergenerational Faith Experiences”**, an incredible and unique model of family faith formation. In this intergenerational approach, parents & children come together to share enjoyable experiences that bring the richness of our Catholic faith alive!

One primary adult must accompany child(ren) at each session-more adults(grandparents) are welcome to come!

LIFE will meet the second Wednesday of each month from 6-7:30 PM.

- ❖ **Strengthen family relationships through shared meaningful experiences**
  - *Participate in a Living Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross*
- ❖ **Pray in a new way with your child(ren)**
  - *Learn creative ways to bring God into your home, create comforting holy spaces*
- ❖ **Rediscover the Wonder & Awe of the miracles of Jesus**
  - *Read scripture and stories of modern day miracles alongside your child*
- ❖ **Share guided, age-appropriate conversations about faith, trust, family values**
  - *Help your child begin to develop a strong moral compass in light of your personal perspectives and in a safe non-judgmental environment*
- ❖ **Explore your family's memories & traditions**
  - *Share family stories, Create liturgical seasonal crafts for your home*
- ❖ **Experience faith in action**
  - *Hands on Service Projects that will make a difference in the lives of those in need*
- ❖ **Have fun while growing and learning together as a family**
  - *Build community, fellowship with other parents, enjoy some food!*

### Step #2 Payment:

- Electronic Payment (ACH, debit or credit) - **FULL tuition/fee payments only..** Please use [WeShare](#). Online payments can be made for Christian Formation tuition, First Communion fees and the LIFE Family Program.

**OR**

- Cash or Check - for full payments, 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 2022-23 are as follows:

- Christian Formation 5K-11th Grade Program:
  - \$125 per child if registration form and a minimum of \$25 per family non-refundable tuition deposit is received in our office on or before August 31, 2022. Full tuition is due the first day of class.
  - \$150 per child if registration form and a minimum of \$25.00 per family non-refundable tuition deposit is received in our office September 1, 2022 or later. Full tuition is due the first day of class.
  - There is a separate \$15 Bible fee for 4th grade or for any family that would like to purchase a new Children's Bible.
- LIFE Family Program:
  - \$125 for a family with one child; each additional child is \$25
- First Communion fee is \$75 per child

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 2022-23](#) has class dates and times as well important dates for our Sacrament programs.

- Information Meeting for First Reconciliation & First Communion families - Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 6 PM in the church.
- Information Meeting for Confirmation families - Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 7 PM in the church.
- Welcome Meet & Greet for new 5K and 1st grade families - Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 6 PM.

## **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 9 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](mailto:christianformation@st-alphonsus.org).

Please note the Christian Formation office is closed from June 10, 2022 - August 15, 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!