

## Confirmation

Recognizing the significance and importance of Confirmation, Saint Thomas More Catholic Community takes the preparation for this Sacrament of initiation seriously. While youth in the 10th grade and above, are invited to participate in the program, adults are also welcome. All are encouraged to discern and reflect on their personal faith life to ensure they are ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

*Families who already registered for this program last spring will not have to register again, we have your forms on file. Thank you!*

### SCHEDULE

#### Sessions

Dates: December 6, 2009 Candidates and Parents  
February 14, 2010 Candidates and Catechists  
February 21, 2010  
February 28, 2010  
March 7, 2010  
March 14, 2010  
March 21, 2010  
Time: 9:15 – 10:15 AM

#### Confirmation Retreat

Date: March 28, 2010  
Time: 9:15 AM – 3:30 PM  
Location: Oxford Room - STMCC School Building

#### Candidate Interviews

Date: April 18, 2010  
Time: 9:15 AM – 10:15 PM  
1:00 – 4:00 PM  
Location: Pastoral Center - STMCC – East Campus

#### Celebration of the Rite of Confirmation

Date: May 16, 2010  
Time: 2:00 PM  
Location: Cathedral of Saint Paul  
Registration: November 1 - 15, 2009  
Fee: \$80

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## Sunday Morning Faith Formation

### SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY 2009-2010

#### Beginning Faith

This faith formation program for preschoolers and kindergartners, ages 3 - 5 by September 1st, 2009, is offered during the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass. Children begin their faith journey by looking at their world (day/night, flowers, fish, and animals) as expressions of God's love through the Preschool Curriculum: *I am Special* (by Our Sunday Visitor) and the Kindergarten Curriculum: *Blessed are We* (by Silver Burdett).

### SCHEDULE

Dates: December 6, 2009 – April 2010  
No sessions on Dec. 27, Jan. 17, Feb. 14, Mar. 21, 28 & Apr. 4  
Time: 10:15 - 11:45 AM  
Location: Kindergarten Classrooms - STMCC School Building  
Registration: November 1 - 15, 2009  
Fee: \$40 per child

#### Family Faith

This home-based program is for families with children and teens in grades 1 - 9. On the first Sunday of the month, families receive materials to use weekly in the home then gather monthly with participating families to share their faith experience. The curriculum for this home-based program *Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts*, published by Loyola Press, is a Catholic faith formation program that incorporates the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola, guiding and mentoring families into a life of prayer and a lifelong relationship with God. Rooted in Scripture and our Catholic tradition with a variety of prayer experiences, the *Finding God* program offers a balanced approach to doctrine, Catholic Social Teaching, and prayer to encourage families to use what they are learning in Church and in life.

### SCHEDULE

Dates: December 6, 2009  
January 3, 2010  
February 7, 2010  
March 7, 2010  
May 2, 2010  
June 6, 2010  
No session on April 4 (Easter Sunday)  
Time: 9:15 – 10:15 AM  
Location: Cafeteria – STMCC School Building  
Registration: November 1 - 15, 2009  
Fee: \$65 per child / \$195.00 maximum fee per family for Family Faith.

## *Sacramental Faith*

Families who want their children to receive their Sacraments at Saint Thomas More Church must be registered, active participants for at least one year prior to the beginning of their child's preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Saint Thomas More Catholic Community is honored to enroll children as students in our parish school from other Catholic Communities in the Twin Cities. Because the Parish Faith Community, is the minister of the Church's Sacraments (not the school), Saint Thomas More students from other Catholic Communities should prepare for and receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in their home parish.

## *First Reconciliation*

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation is available to children in the 2nd grade (7 years old by September 1st, 2009) and older students wishing to receive First Reconciliation (children will be grouped according to their age). In the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis all children must celebrate their First Reconciliation prior to receiving their First Eucharist. Preparation is accomplished through home activities and parent-child preparation sessions. Participants must attend Mass at Saint Thomas More and all parent-child preparation sessions.

### **SCHEDULE**

#### *Sessions*

Dates: January 10, 2010  
January 17, 2010  
January 24, 2010  
January 31, 2010  
Time: 9:15 - 10:15 AM  
Location: Cafeteria - STMCC School Building

#### *Reconciliation & Eucharist Fair*

Date March 6, 2010  
Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Location: STMCC - East Campus Church

#### *First Reconciliation*

Date: March 28, 2010  
Time: 2:00 PM  
Location: STMCC - East Campus Church  
Registration: November 1 - 15, 2009  
Fee: \$30

## *First Eucharist*

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist is accomplished through a combination of home activities and parent-child sessions. Children in the 2nd grade (7 years old by September 1st, 2009) and older students who have not yet received the Sacrament are invited to prepare for First Eucharist. Participants must attend Sunday Mass at Saint Thomas More and all parent-child preparation sessions.

### **SCHEDULE**

#### *Sessions*

Dates: February 14, 2010  
February 21, 2010  
February 28, 2010  
Time: 9:15 - 10:15 AM  
Location: Cafeteria - STMCC School Building

#### *Reconciliation & Eucharist Fair*

Date March 6, 2010  
Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Location: STMCC - East Campus Church

#### *Rehearsal*

Date April 10, 2010  
Time: 9:00 AM  
Location: STMCC - East Campus Church

#### *First Eucharist Celebration*

Date April 11, 2010  
Time: 10:30 AM Mass  
Location: STMCC - East Campus Church  
Registration: November 1 - 15, 2010  
Fee: \$50

## *Reconciliation & Eucharist Fair*

Through activities at learning stations, parents and children share their faith and understanding of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

### **SCHEDULE**

Date: March 6, 2010  
Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Location: STMCC - East Campus Church  
Registration: Scheduling for this experience will occur during a session of the First Reconciliation and First Eucharist preparation program.