

St. Martin of Tours - Life Teen
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September 2, 2011

Dear Parents,

Back in 2006, St. Martin of Tours introduced a new format for religious education/formation for high school students. Since then, the nationally known and recognized Life Teen program has played a large role in our parish.

On behalf of the Life Teen Core Team, I'd like to welcome you and your high-school sons and daughters to the program for 2011—2012. We look forward to supporting you in your role as the primary teachers of your children in the life of faith in Jesus Christ.

The materials included in this mailing detail the program for the coming school year, and include a registration form.

Please read the enclosed Parent Information and Frequently Asked Questions.

Please take the time to fill out the Registration Form (both sides), and could we ask you to please print neatly, especially the email addresses?

Also please fill out the Fee Worksheet. We will not turn anyone away for an inability to pay the fees.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the parish office at (414) 425-1114. I welcome the chance to speak with you personally; if I happen not to be in, please leave a voice message and I will return your call. You can also email me directly at frbob.stmot@gmail.com.

Thank you!!

Sincerely,

Fr. Bob Naglich, scj

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PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

MOTHER'S NAME _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

MOTHER'S EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MOTHER'S CELL PHONE: _____

MOTHER'S WORK PHONE: _____

FATHER'S NAME _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

FATHER'S EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

FATHER'S CELL PHONE: _____

FATHER'S WORK PHONE: _____

IF EITHER PARENT HAS A DIFFERENT ADDRESS THAN THE STUDENT, PLEASE INDICATE:

This address is for: (Circle) Mother Father

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____

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Volunteer Opportunities for Parents:

_____ I can help make phone calls to other parents to get or give information.

_____ I can help take and maintain attendance records at the Sunday night Life Night sessions.

_____ I can help serve the Life Night meals occasionally.

_____ I can occasionally provide drinks for the Life Teen meal (e.g., one case of water, soft drink, energy drink, etc.)

_____ I can help provide parts of the Life Teen meal occasionally.

_____ I can help provide desserts for the Life Teen meal occasionally.

Life Teen Calender

2011-2012

Life Night

Session

1	Sunday	September	18	2011 LT Mass/Life Night
	Sunday	September	25	2011 Lifeteen Mass (Food afterward -- NO LIFE NIGHT)
2	Sunday	October	2	2011 LT Mass/Life Night
3	Sunday	October	9	2011 LT Mass/Life Night
4	Sunday	October	16	2011 LT Mass/Life Night
	Sunday	October	23	2011 Lifeteen Mass (Food afterward -- NO LIFE NIGHT)
5	Sunday	October	30	2011 LT Mass/Life Night
6	Sunday	November	13	2011 LT Mass/Life Night
7	Sunday	November	27	2011 LT Mass/Life Night
8	Sunday	December	4	2011 LT Mass/Life Night
9	Sunday	December	12	2010 LT Mass/Life Night
10	Sunday	December	18	2011 LT Mass/Life Night
11	Sunday	January	8	2012 LT Mass/Life Night
12	Sunday	January	15	2012 LT Mass/Life Night
	Friday	January	20	2012 CONFIRMATION RETREAT --Tyme Out Retreat Center
	Saturday	January	21	2012 CONFIRMATION RETREAT --Tyme Out Retreat Center
	Sunday	January	22	2012 CONFIRMATION RETREAT --Tyme Out Retreat Center
13	Sunday	January	29	2012 LT Mass/Life Night
	Sunday	February	5	2012 SUPER BOWL PARTY -- NO 5:00 MASS -- NO LIFE NIGHT
14	Sunday	February	19	2012 LT Mass/Life Night
15	Sunday	February	26	2012 LT Mass/Life Night
16	Sunday	March	4	2012 LT Mass/Life Night
17	Sunday	March	11	2012 LT Mass/Life Night
18	Sunday	March	18	2012 LT Mass/Life Night
19	Sunday	April	1	2012 LT Mass/Life Night -- PALM SUNDAY
	Sunday	April	22	2012 Lifeteen Mass (Food afterward -- NO LIFE NIGHT)
20	Sunday	April	29	2012 LT Mass/Life Night
21	Sunday	May	6	2012 LT Mass/Life Night
	Sunday	May	20	2012 CONFIRMATION at the 12:30pm Mass

Schedule for "Life Night" Sunday evenings:

5:00 pm	Mass
after Mass	Dinner
7:00 - 8:30 pm	Life Night

Monday Night Confirmation Classes:

Monday	October	10	2011 Confirmation Class # 1
Monday	October	17	2011 Confirmation Class # 2
Monday	November	7	2011 Confirmation Class # 3
Monday	December	5	2011 Confirmation Class # 4
Monday	January	9	2012 Confirmation Class # 5
Monday	February	6	2012 Confirmation Class # 6
Monday	March	12	2012 Confirmation Class # 7
Monday	April	16	2012 Confirmation Class # 8
Monday	May	7	2012 Confirmation Class # 9

Schedule for Monday Night Confirmation Classes:

Monday night classes start promptly at 7:15 till 8:30 p.m.

Students arriving late will be expected to complete a written assignment.

Over for Community Service Log

LIFE TEEN 2011 -- 2012

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PART ONE: GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LIFE TEEN PROGRAM:

Q. Sunday evening at 5pm, sometimes the Life Teen mass would be very convenient for my whole family to attend. Can we?

A. Of course!! Everyone is welcome to attend the Life Teen Mass. Some come because they enjoy the music at this liturgy, others, because it is celebrated at a convenient time. Some folks enjoy seeing the young church assembled in what becomes for them a sign of hope for the future of the Church. Others are just curious. No matter, everyone is welcome!! In fact, we'd encourage you to attend this mass as a family, at least occasionally.

That said, there is one caveat we'd like to make you aware of. Sometimes the priest will come into the center aisle and begin a dialogue with the students. Young people today are not entirely aware or comfortable yet with expressing tenets of their faith, and sometimes it takes a bit of doing to get a response. Sometimes, too, parents or other adults who are present get uncomfortable with a bit of silence and either raise their hands or just speak up. Since we're trying to encourage youth participation, we'd ask that you refrain from participating in this dialogue, unless it's clear that the priest is asking the wider community to join in.

One word about the scheduling of the Life Teen Mass: with multiple school schedules, student activities, Packer games, vacations, breaks, etc., it's very difficult to come up with a schedule that follows any kind of pattern....so be sure to keep the calendar on your refrigerator to always know what Sundays we're celebrating the Life Teen Mass.

Q. It seems like Life Teen is a terrific program....can siblings of high school students sit in?

A. While the Life Teen Mass is open to everyone, what happens thereafter is really designed to bring the high-school students together in their own faith community. So, we must respectfully request that you do not allow siblings to come downstairs to the meal or attend the Life Night sessions. Younger students have their own opportunities for participation. Older siblings can speak to one of the priests, we'd be happy to discuss ways that you can get involved!

As parents, you certainly will want to know what the program is all about; so parents are welcome to grab a bite to eat and stay to watch the Life Night session. Once we start

the Life Night session we'd ask that you sit to the side and let the program unfold, again (as at mass) without actively becoming involved beyond observing.

Of course, we're always on the look-out for solidly-faith-grounded adults who want to share their faith with young people. Often times, not being sure of all that's involved, a potential Core Team member will want to observe a few Life Night sessions, before making any kind of commitment. That's very understandable. Please feel very free to talk to one of the priests if you think the Lord may be calling you to this ministry.

Q. What's the single most important thing for me to do?

A. Even though the call of Christ has several important dimensions that demand our response, if you want me to point to just one, I look to what was on His mind on the night before he died, while having supper with his friends. He said "Do this in memory of me." Regular participation in the Sunday Eucharist is clearly the single most important aspect of the life of the community, from which all the rest of Christian values flow.

Q. Did you need parents to help in any other way?

A. Yes! We especially need parents willing to help with food service for various events through the year. We offer the kids dinner each Sunday after we've celebrated a Life Teen mass; we provide extra snacks for the Confirmation retreat, we want to schedule a Super Bowl party this year, etc. Please help us out!! Please indicate on the back of the registration form how you see yourself helping. THANK YOU!!!

PART TWO: QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Q. When is the Confirmation Retreat this year?

A. St. Martin of Tours will host it's Confirmation Retreat this year at the Tyme Out Retreat Center on January 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Students to be Confirmed MUST attend an entire Retreat. If the student absolutely cannot make these dates, call Fr. Bob to make alternate date arrangements.

Q. When is Confirmation in 2012?

A. We have requested that Confirmation be celebrated at St. Martin of Tours on a Sunday afternoon in May or June, 2012. But, as of September 1, 2011, the Archbishop's office has not yet released the dates for Confirmation for 2012. As soon as we know, we will publicize the date and time.

Q. When is the Confirmation rehearsal scheduled?

A. Because we don't yet know the date of Confirmation, we do not yet have a date for the rehearsal. Typically, we try to have the rehearsal on the Friday evening before Confirmation.

Q. Who needs to attend the Confirmation rehearsal?

A. Certainly the student!! We'd also ask, as much as possible, that the candidates sponsor attend the rehearsal. We understand if a sponsor will be coming from quite a distance, it may not be possible for the sponsor to be present at the rehearsal. In that case, we'd ask that one of the parents come to stand in the sponsors place. And, of course, even if the sponsor is present, it's a good thing if at least one parent of each candidate is present so that Mom and Dad know what's going on!

Q. Does the Church still follow the practice of choosing a Confirmation name?

Yes, certainly! Each student should consider carefully the choice of a Confirmation name, which is usually taken from the name of a Catholic saint. Students should learn about the life of the saint whose name they have chosen, and find in the saint's life an example of Christian virtue that can be followed. (Note: Archbishop Listicki will spend several minutes speaking to each student about their choice of Confirmation name, and about the life of the saint who had that name.)

Q. What about picking a Confirmation sponsor?

A. The Church sets some requirements for Confirmation sponsors. They include:

1. be at least 16 years old
2. be Catholic and have received all of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist). The sponsor should lead a life in harmony with the faith – that is to say, the sponsor should be faithful to Sunday mass, and, if married, to be married in the church.
3. be neither the father nor the mother of the person to be confirmed.
4. be chosen by the one being confirmed.

That said, there are a few other considerations that, while not a part of Church law, should appropriately be taken in account:

Is the perspective sponsor someone that the student looks up to? Will this sponsor be open to spending time with the student, sharing something of their own faith life, and be willing to challenge the student to grow in his/her faith?

Q. Will there be a meeting for parents?

A. Yes. Specific date has not yet been set, but we will set up a parent meeting in late September or early October. We'll probably pick two dates, one a week-day evening, the other a Sunday morning, and ask parents to attend either one of them (not both).

Q. Will sponsors need to attend any sessions?

A. We don't anticipate asking the sponsors to attend any sessions other than the rehearsal (and Confirmation!).

Q. Will sponsors need to provide any paperwork?

A. No. In previous years, we have asked that sponsors provide baptismal certificates. We trust that parents will ensure that their son/daughter will choose a sponsor who is in good standing with the church.

Q. How should students be dressed for the celebration of Confirmation?

There are five basic guidelines concerning appropriate dress for the night of Confirmation:

1. No chewing gum.

2. No chewing gum.

3. No chewing gum.

4. Guys -- "Sunday best"!! Suit or sport coat, dress shirt, tie and slacks (no jeans!!).
Girls: dress (not strapless, spaghetti straps or low-cut) or slacks and blouse.

5. No chewing gum.

In addition, in the past we've noticed a problem with some student's chewing gum during mass. We'd ask that students refrain from chewing gum during ANY mass!!

PARENT INFO FOR LIFE TEEN, 2011—2012

Standards and expectations for the Life Teen Program for this year involve these components for ALL students:

1. Mass Attendance
2. Participation in Sunday evening Life Nights:
3. Service to the Community:
4. Baptismal Certificate:

In addition, those high school juniors or seniors who are looking forward to the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation next spring have six additional requirements:

5. Short meeting with parent, student and Fr. Bob
6. Entrance and Exit interviews with a Life Teen Core Member
7. Monday night education program
8. Retreat
9. Letter to the bishop requesting Confirmation
10. Attendance at the Confirmation Rehearsal

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Requirements for all high school students:

1. Mass Attendance

ALL Catholics are expected to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days as the usual norm. Obvious exceptions are made for those who are legitimately sick or otherwise are seriously impeded from Mass attendance. So, students are expected to attend Mass on each Sunday and Holy Day. We ask that students coming to the Sunday evening Life Night also attend the Sunday evening Life Teen Mass.

2. Participation in Sunday evening Life Nights:

There are twenty-one Sunday evening Life Night sessions scheduled for this year.

PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS are expected to attend at least seventeen of these nights, to complete the program.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS are expected to attend ten of these nights (five each semester).

3. Service to the Community:

Students who are NOT candidates for Confirmation in the spring of 2012 are expected to complete twelve hours of community service, with a written log kept by the student and monitored by the parents. This service will be completed between September 1, 2011 and April 30, 2012.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES (for the Spring of 2012) are expected to complete twenty hours of community service, with a written log kept by the student and monitored by the parents. This service will be completed between September 1, 2011 and April 30, 2012.

4. Baptismal Certificate:

Parents need to submit to the parish office a certified copy of their son/daughter's Baptismal certificate if the parish does not yet have one on file. We ask that these certificates be submitted by Oct. 31, 2011.

Additional Requirements for Confirmation Candidates:

5. Short meeting with parent, student and Fr. Bob

We ask each family with a Confirmation candidate schedule a short meeting with Fr. Bob during the months of September or October. This will include at least one parent, the student and Fr. Bob. The purpose of this meeting (which typically would not run longer than fifteen minutes) will be to review program requirements and answer questions. A face picture of the student will be taken at this time to help all catechists learn students names – no picture will be placed online without explicit parent permission (see Picture Policy on the registration form).

6. Entrance and Exit interviews with a Life Teen Core Member

Confirmation candidates will be expected to participate in two fifteen-minute interviews, one at the beginning of the school year and one just before Confirmation. The Life Teen Core Team will assist in setting up these interviews.

7. Monday night preparation program

Each Confirmation student is expected to participate in a Confirmation preparation class at the parish on Monday night, 7:15 to 8:30pm. There are nine of these sessions, once per month, except that the first two are both in October. These sessions are mandatory for all students seeking to be Confirmed in the spring of 2012. Students are expected to attend at least eight of these nine sessions, so that they are automatically excused from one session of their choice. If students miss any more than one, they will be allowed to make up the missed session with a written assignment up to three times. If a student misses more than four of these sessions (one excused absence and three more with appropriate make-up assignments), students will not be eligible for Confirmation in 2012.

These sessions will start on time, promptly at 7:15 p.m. In the past, we have had some difficulty in that students would arrive very late, sometimes after half of the session (or more) was over. For that reason, a student will be allowed to arrive up to fifteen minutes late one time without penalty. After that, credit for the evening session will be made up with the written assignment.

8. Retreat

Confirmation students are expected to attend a weekend Confirmation Retreat. Our retreat weekend is scheduled at the Tyme-Out Retreat Center in Nashotah, Wisconsin, January 20th through 22nd, 2012. A Confirmation retreat is **REQUIRED** by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

It is best if students attend this retreat as part of the group with which they are going to be Confirmed. If it is impossible for an individual student to attend the retreat on this week end, it is ESSENTIAL that

you contact Fr. Bob as soon as possible to make arrangements to be placed on another week end retreat. Please contact Fr. Bob before contacting the retreat center or any other parish.

We have tried to select a week end that will have minimal conflicts with other student responsibilities. Unfortunately, not all school and sports calendars are available early enough when we need to plan our calendar with the retreat house. So, some conflicts happen.

We have chosen to schedule the retreat on the week-end of the semester break for Franklin High School. While we are aware that some families might have a tradition of taking a few vacation days at this time, it is hoped that for most students, this will avoid conflicts with other school activities..

9. Letter to the bishop requesting Confirmation

While parents encourage their sons/daughters to grow in faith, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes that ultimately the decision to be Confirmed rests with the individual (presuming that he/she has faithfully completed the preparation program.) Parents are actively doing their part when they see to it that their teens are attending Sunday mass each week, recognize the need to be of service to the wider community, and participate in the preparation program.

Once a teen has decided that he/she will accept Confirmation, the Archdiocese asks that he/she write a letter to the bishop, reflecting on what they have learned during the preparation period, and expressing a positive desire to receive the sacrament.

10. Attendance at the Confirmation Rehearsal

We will set a specific date and time for the rehearsal once we have been notified by the bishop's office of the date of Confirmation at our parish.