

St. Albert's Faith Formation Opportunities 2017-2018

TOTAL LIFELONG CATECHESIS (TLC)

- Total Lifelong Catechesis (TLC) is St. Albert's whole parish faith formation. Parents and their children, single adults, and married couples all meet once a month for Sunday Mass, Meal and Message (which includes an adult speaker and children faith lessons). All three components – Mass, Meal and Message – are integral parts of a TLC Session. Families receive materials to share and learn at home the rest of the month. Monthly sessions are based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Bible, with a five year cycle.

What to expect from TLC?

- TLC is about forming community and friendships while providing education, formation, and an opportunity to share and discuss the faith and support each other.
- Parents receive help and support in teaching and passing on the faith to their children.
- TLC is for all parishioners, regardless of age or family status, especially parents with school age children. We welcome grandparents too.
- TLC is once a month, with your choice of attending a Sunday or Wednesday session. There is a maximum of participants allowed each session. Priority goes to early registration, so register early.
- Each month households will receive "Home Kits" containing topic-specific information and material for families to complete during the month.
- A nursery is provided at no charge for children up to 4 years old.
- As part of liturgy enrichment, TLC students will assist at a monthly TLC Mass. Practice will be held once a month for those who will assist with the TLC Mass that month.
- Volunteers are greatly needed. All households are asked to volunteer a minimum of two times - see the attached volunteer form.

What is the TLC theme this year?

This year we will be studying Scripture. Each of the monthly sessions will focus on a specific topic related to Scripture and the Bible.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

- Liturgy of the Word for Children is offered during the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass for 3 year olds up through 1st Grade. Children leave the assembly before the Liturgy of the Word and celebrate the Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding. Children return before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. No registration is necessary.

FIRST COMMUNION/FIRST RECONCILIATION

- First Communion/First Reconciliation preparation is for children in 2nd Grade and older. Students participate in weekly Wednesday classes and Learning Centers in addition to the monthly TLC sessions.

CONFIRMATION

- Our parish is continuing the transition to 8th Grade Confirmation. This year both 8th and 9th Grade Teens are able to prepare and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- **8th Grade Breakaway/Confirmation Preparation** - Teens participate in Breakaway/Discipleship Groups two Wednesday's a month, a Retreat, and complete additional requirements in addition to the monthly TLC sessions. The required Breakaway Overnight Retreat is October 27-29 and teens will be confirmed in May 2018.
- **9th Grade Confirmation Preparation** - Teens participate in weekly Wednesday classes, a Retreat, and complete additional requirements in addition to the monthly TLC sessions. The required Overnight Confirmation Retreat is September 15-16 and teens will be confirmed in May 2018.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

- The Adult Faith Formation Committee offers Bible Studies, Speakers, Advent Retreat, and other adult enrichment opportunities. Watch the bulletin for offerings.
- Join a Small Faith Sharing Group which meet regularly to pray together, share faith, discuss what is happening in their lives, support and hold one another accountable as Catholics. For more information Email stalbertmnsmlgroups@gmail.com.