

## Anointing of the Sick

The Catholic Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (formerly known as Last Rites or Extreme



Unction) is a ritual of healing not only for physical and mental and spiritual sickness. Parishioners are encouraged to call the parish office whenever they or a family are hospitalized so a priest may visit. St. Charles Borromeo celebrates this sacrament communally twice a year.



## Rite of Christian Initiation

Who is the process for?

- *The unbaptized.* The primary focus of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is on those who are not already Christian and have not been catechized.
- *Baptized but uncatechized.* Those who have been baptized either as Roman Catholics or as members of another Christian community, but have not received further catechetical formation or instruction. These individuals typically have not celebrated confirmation or Eucharist.
- *Those seeking full Catholic Communion.* These are baptized, practicing Christians from other denominations, who seek entry into the Catholic Church.

## St. Charles Borromeo

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## Baptism

Baptism begins the process of initiation into the Catholic Community. Whether we are baptized as infants or adults, Baptism is the Church's way



of celebrating and enacting the embrace of God. Both parents must attend a baptism preparation class which is held on the first Tuesday of each month in collaboration with St. Roman Parish, or by appointment. Please call the Parish Office to register for this session and schedule a baptism.

## First Reconciliation

Components of catechesis in preparation for First Reconciliation include:



- Learn of God's unconditional love for us.
- Learn of Sacramental forgiveness and reconciliation.
- Recognize the presence of good and evil in the world and their personal capacity for both.
- Recognize the need for forgiveness, not only from parents and others, but from God.
- Explore the meaning of the symbols, gestures, prayers, and scriptures of the Rite of Reconciliation.
- Learn that the faithful are "obliged to confess all serious sins committed after baptism".
- Learn that true forgiveness comes from repentance, confession, reparation and absolution.

- Learn that a mortal sin is of grave matter committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent.
- Learn that the priest is given the faculties to forgive in the name of Christ.
- Learn that a priest is bound by the seal of confession to keep absolute secrecy. (NDC 133-136).

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## Reconciliation

The Catholic Sacrament of Reconciliation (formerly known as Penance or Confession) has three elements: conversion, confession and celebration. In it we find God's unconditional forgiveness; as a result we are called to forgive others. Reconciliation is available on Saturdays at 3:00 pm and by appointment. During Advent and Lent, Communal Penance services are scheduled.

## First Communion

Catholics believe the Eucharist, or Communion, is both a sacrifice and a meal. We believe in the real presence of Jesus, who died for our sins. As we receive Christ's Body and Blood, we also are nourished spiritually and brought closer to God. Our Parish prepares children for the sacrament of First Holy Communion in 2nd grade. Children who have been in the parish school beginning in 1st grade, or enrolled in the religious education program are invited to prepare to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion.



## Confirmation Preparation Program



Confirmation is a Catholic Sacrament of mature Christian commitment and a deepening of baptismal gifts. It is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation for Catholics and is most often associated with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Students in 11th grade will build upon their knowledge of sacraments and the Creed. Focusing on the action of the Holy Spirit, students will be challenged to recognize God's presence in their lives, especially when it comes to making sound moral decisions and seeking social justice. The program includes service opportunities and reflect on those experiences. Students will participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation, a retreat, and prayer services. All this culminates in their decision to receive the sacrament of Confirmation – the adult commitment to continue their faith journey.

Children in a Catholic high school, or who are enrolled in the faith formation program for 10th grade, are eligible for the sacrament of Confirmation.

## Marriage

For Catholics, the Sacrament of Marriage, or Holy Matrimony, is a public sign that one gives oneself totally to this other person. It is also a public statement about God: the loving union of husband and wife speaks of family values and also God's values. Couples need to be registered members of the parish for six months prior to the marriage.

