

Pillars and Confirmation for Incoming Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

The Pillar Program is the senior high program which is based around the four pillars of the Catholic faith. The current 10th grade program consists of four mini-courses (Prayer, Liturgy and Sacraments, Creed, and Morality), each of which is 4 weeks long during the school year. Also available is a summer Pillars program where all four Pillars are taught in one intense week of classes and includes a day of service. The Pillars is designed to give you Catholic knowledge and prepare you for Confirmation.

Confirmation Prep is designed so that you can explore personal and communal faith inside a small community of your peers. It consists of a day-long retreat in the fall and six small group meetings during the school year. You are also asked to complete four interactions with your parents and sponsor during the year. In the spring there will be a day of reflection with parents and sponsors, including a reconciliation service, speakers, and you will receive details about the Confirmation mass.

Incoming sophomores (and older) who have not completed Pillar or only taken some of the Pillar courses, you have two options to complete Pillars, summer or school-year. Summer is one week in June; you have a choice of June 15-19 or June 22-26. Classes will be from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm every day and will complete all four Pillars. School-year is run in four 4-week sessions; this year the classes will run as a series, so no need to worry about choosing sessions and trying to remember what you have already taken!!

If you have already completed at least one Pillar, we will send you out a customized schedule of what weeks you need to attend.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Option 1: Summer Pillars</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Pillars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One week in June (M-F) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ June 15-19, 2009 ▪ June 22-26, 2009 ○ 8:00-Noon ○ Includes one service day ○ Must attend all 5 days 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Option 2: School Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pillars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 pm ○ Run in 4-week segments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sept/Oct ▪ Oct/Nov ▪ Jan/Feb ▪ March ○ Sign-up for (sophomore) school year program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If you have already completed one, two, or three Pillar classes, we will give you a “customized” schedule for which classes you need to attend based on what Pillars you still need complete.
<p><u>Confirmation Prep</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retreat in September 2009 (All day; 9/12/09 or 9/20/09) • Six small-group meetings (Sept-Mar/Apr) • Times determined by group; sign-up w/ Jolaine for space/times • Two Candidate-Parent Interactions (Oct. & Jan.) • Two Candidate-Sponsor Interactions (Nov. & Feb) • Day of Reflection w/ sponsor & parents (month of Confirmation) • Saint/Confirmation name form • Confirmation Mass (TBA) 	

****Note: Because of program changes, this Pillar course is not the same as the new 9th grade Pillar course.****