

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick and Pastoral Care

Once a year, a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing is offered. When people are seriously ill or hospitalized, the Sacrament is celebrated individually. Contact us prior to a hospitalization for elective surgery if you would like to celebrate the sacrament. Let us know if someone is hospitalized, seriously ill, or homebound and would like to receive the Sacraments or a home visit.

Baptism

Parents preparing for the Baptism of their first child are required to attend a Baptism Preparation session. They do not need to repeat the class for each child. Classes are normally held on the first Saturday of February, April, June, August, October, and December at 9:30 AM.

Confirmation

Confirmation is a sacrament of Christian initiation which completes baptismal grace and strengthens the individual with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. St. Thomas Aquinas youth are ordinarily confirmed in the spring of their sophomore year of high school.

Adults who have not celebrated the sacrament are encouraged to prepare and celebrate during the Lenten Season.

First Eucharist and First Reconciliation

The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are usually celebrated for the first time during the second grade. Orientation sessions for parents which detail the specific preparation process for these sacraments are usually held in the fall.

Matrimony

Preparing for marriage at St. Thomas Aquinas is much more than arranging a wedding; the primary goal is to prepare the couple to enter into a life-long, sacramental union. Couples need to reserve the date with the parish pastoral associate *at least six months* prior to when they wish to be married. The wedding season often gets quite busy, so the earlier the parish receives the request, the more likely it is that the date will be available.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults who are either unbaptized or coming from another faith tradition, become Catholics. The process typically begins in September and includes learning, prayer, and connecting to the parish community. The entire journey is tailored to the need of those inquiring and is completed in the company of others who seek initiation. Reception into the Catholic Church is typically celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Contact the Coordinator for Adult Formation and Outreach.