



Sacraments At-A-Glance

****Reminder...**In order to register for a sacrament, children and teens must have completed *one year immediately prior* of Faith Formation/Youth Ministry or Catholic School******

First Penance

- Reception of the sacrament takes place **prior to First Eucharist**. Preparation generally begins in the Fall of a child's 2nd grade year.
- A child is able to distinguish between right and wrong, i.e., know the difference between accidental and deliberate, able to articulate their actions that need forgiveness, able to understand the effect his/her actions have on others with an ability to share that with a priest.
- Presently enrolled and attending either a Faith Formation program or attending Catholic School
- Completed one year immediately prior of Faith Formation or Catholic School.
- Attend **all** preparation sessions and complete at-home work.
- Attendance at weekly Mass is expected from any families that are coming forward asking to receive a sacrament. The Eucharist is the center of our Faith.

First Eucharist

- Reception of the sacrament takes place after First Penance. Preparation generally begins in the Spring of a child's 2nd grade year, with the Mass celebration at the end of April/beginning of May.
- The sacrament is prepared and received in 2nd Grade *after* receiving First Penance.
- Readiness includes the understanding that when the bread and wine are brought to the altar and blessed, they are NO LONGER ordinary bread and wine, but have become Jesus' Body and Blood for us.
- Show a sense of reverence for God.
- Show a desire to celebrate the sacrament.
- Attend Mass regularly.
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Confirmation

- Based on the revised sacramental policies, Confirmation is received in Spring of 9th Grade.
- Confirmation preparation broken down into two components: theology and immediate preparation.
- The theology portion is embedded into 8th and 9th Grade curriculum of either weekly Youth Ministry classes or Catholic School.
- The immediate preparation portion includes 2-3 sessions and a retreat in BOTH 8th and 9th Grades.
- Catholic School teens need to only attend immediate preparation and retreat in both 8th and 9th Grades.
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