



St. Cecilia – Faith Formation
2025 - 2026

2nd Grade Sacrament Preparation Policy

Mass Attendance:

Each year the Church rejoices as our parish children faithfully prepare and receive for the first time the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. In the Diocese of Paterson and here at St. Cecilia's our 2nd grade students are invited to participate in this preparation process. This is holy and exciting time for the children, parents, and all people involved.

Each 2nd grade student, as well as parents, are expected and required to attend Mass every Sunday, as well as all holy days of obligation. This is the first precept of the Church as outlined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (see no. 2042), as well as a Commandment of God to keep holy the Sabbath. The participation in the celebration of the Eucharist is the 'source and summit' of our Catholic lives. During the baptismal rite, parents are asked to make a promise to God to raise their child in the faith. This includes training and practicing the faith with their child.

Beginning in October 2025, all students will be required to sign in before or after Mass. The sign in book will be located in the front of the Church before the statue of Mary. If a student attends Sunday Mass at a different parish, they are asked to simply pick up a bulletin and bring it in to their teacher at the next class.

Students (families) that are regularly missing Sunday Mass will be asked to reexamine their intentions for preparing to receive First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and may or may not be considered eligible to receive the sacraments.