



Sacraments At-A-Glance

****Reminder...In order to register for a sacrament, children and teens must be in Faith Formation/Youth Ministry one year prior****

First Penance

- Reception of the sacrament takes place **prior to First Eucharist**. Preparation generally begins in February of a child's 2nd grade year
- A child is able to distinguish between right and wrong i.e. difference between accidental and deliberate, able to articulate their actions that need forgiveness, able to understand the effect his/her actions 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 prior of Faith Formation or Catholic School
- Attend **all** preparation sessions and complete at-home work

First Eucharist

- Reception of the sacrament takes place after First Penance. Preparation begins in February with the Mass celebration on the weekend of April 23-24.
- The sacrament is prepared and received in 2nd Grade after receiving First Penance.
- Readiness is 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
- Desire to celebrate the sacrament
- Attend mass regularly

Confirmation

- Based on the revised sacramental policies, Confirmation is received in Spring of 9th Grade.
- Confirmation preparation is embedded into 8th and 9th Grade curriculum.
- 17 modules are covered in 8th Grade and 17 in 9th Grade. The first 14 modules are covered in both Middle and High school. The last three modules and a retreat are immediate preparation and are covered separately.
- Catholic School teens need to only attend immediate preparation and retreat in both 8th and 9th Grades..