

September 7, 2019

Dear Parents:

Your child has reached the age (2nd grade or above) at which children in our diocese customarily prepare to receive their sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. We joyfully invite your family to walk through this process with us at Saint Augustine Parish.

Our Sacramental Preparation program will begin at the end of September with a parent meeting. This meeting will be offered at two times:

**Sunday, September 29, 2019, 10:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**

You are only required to attend one of these two meetings. These meetings will be held in the Parish Hall (Pearson). **Please note that attendance at the Parent Meeting required for all parents who wish to have their children receive the sacraments this year.** I have attached a preliminary schedule with other important dates for this year.

**Important change:** In the past, most families at St. Augustine prepared their children for First Reconciliation in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. However, we are transitioning to the standard practice of our diocese, according to which children make their first Confession prior to receiving the Eucharist, (i.e. in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade). If you have a child in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, please be aware that his/her sacramental preparation will begin in October and not later in the school year. Older children who received their First Eucharist without a First Confession are also encouraged to prepare for this sacrament this year.

We will talk about this change at the parent meeting, and I am also happy to talk with you individually if you have any questions. Thank you for your commitment to raising your children in the Faith. I look forward to working with you and your family as we prepare for these significant moments in their Catholic lives. Please never hesitate to contact me at (509) 747-7972 or [iackermann@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:iackermann@dioceseofspokane.org).

In Christ,

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