

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

for First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist

All children, who desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist, are invited to Sacrament Preparation. The Roman Catholic Church asks that **baptized children, who desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist,** must...

- be considered at the age of reason (minimum age of seven),
- are properly catechized, having received adequate formation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion,
- are in a state of grace and have no knowledge of grave sin.

To satisfy the above criteria, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church requests the following:

- An annotated **Certificate of Baptism** from the church of Baptism must be submitted at registration;
If not baptized, please contact David Reising in the Faith Formation Office.
- At least one parent is a registered member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church,
OR can provide a letter from their parish priest stating that it is acceptable for the child to receive their First Holy Communion at St. Francis;
If you wish to join our parish please contact Rebecca Bahl in the Faith Formation Office.
- At least one parent is a confirmed Catholic.
If both are non-Catholic, please contact David Reising in the Faith Formation Office.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church provides Sacrament Preparation that serves every child in our parish. This curriculum is presented in each of the three following Faith Formation “schools.” Enrollment in one of these is required.

- St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School (2nd through 5th Grade)
 - Children’s Faith Formation (2nd through 5th Grade)
 - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (2nd through 5th Grade)
- *if your child is above 5th grade, please contact the Faith Formation Office for more options.*

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Fall Semester Program Outline

This program provides opportunities for the child to encounter Jesus’ immense love and mercy. The fall semester preparation concludes with the celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation. This formation is a prerequisite for First Communion preparation held during the spring semester.

In addition to the child’s regular attendance of classroom or atrium formation, both the child and the parents will attend a **Learning Center** session, and complete the *At-home Blessed Course* for First Reconciliation.



The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be at the completion of the fall semester.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Spring Semester Program Outline

Optional, BREAD SUNDAY is celebrated at the beginning of the spring semester.

This program provides opportunities for the child to encounter Jesus’ true presence in the Eucharist. Spring Semester Preparation concludes with the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the First Communion Mass. First Reconciliation is a prerequisite to this formation.

In addition to the child’s regular attendance of classroom or atrium formation, both the child and the parents will attend a **Learning Center** session, and complete the *At-home Blessed Course* for First Communion.



First Holy Communion is celebrated at the end of the spring semester.

The First Communion Rehearsal and Prayer Service is the Wednesday before the First Communion Mass.

ALL DATES, TIMES, AND EVENT SIGN UPS WILL BE COMMUNICATED WITH PARENTS FOLLOWING THE CHILD’S REGISTRATION

Questions regarding this program? Please contact Katie Robey in the Faith Formation Office.

The Faith Formation Office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm

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