

Important Reminders to Parents for the 2023-2024 School Year

If your child is in the First Grade

- Remember that two years of Faith Formation is a requirement to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist which are received during second grade. Please make sure that your child is registered and regularly attends Faith Formation classes this school year in order for them to be properly prepared to receive their Sacraments next school year when they are in second grade.

If your child is in the Second Grade

- If this is the second year of Faith Formation for your child, you must make sure that your child is registered and regularly attends Faith Formation classes this school year in order for them to be properly prepared to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of First Eucharist**. In addition to your responsibility of making sure that your child regularly attends these classes, parents of children in second grade are required to attend two workshops for each sacrament:

**** First Reconciliation Parent Workshop**

**** First Reconciliation Parent & Children Retreat**

**** First Eucharist Parent Workshop**

**** First Eucharist Parent & Children Retreat**

You will receive specific information to help prepare your child to receive these sacraments as the date of each approaches.

If your child is in the Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Grade

- Your child must continue to regularly attend and participate in Faith Formation this year. Although they received their First Eucharist, they must continue to receive regular instruction in our Catholic Faith in order to be properly prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in eighth grade.

If your youth is in the Seventh Grade

- Seventh grade will be the first of two years of final Faith Formation that is required to prepare candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please register your child/children for classes and encourage regular attendance. If they are unable to attend class, they are responsible to complete the assignments. All our confirmation programs have a digital component and are accessible online. We have utilized this procedure for the past several years and it works well.

If your youth is in the Eighth Grade

- Confirmation is the **START** of life as a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, The Body of Christ. With that comes a greater responsibility, not only to share their faith but also to be a continuing example of the faith in and OUT of Church. It is that simple and that challenging.

Eighth Grade is the final year of Confirmation Preparation. All eighth-grade students in the diocese will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring of 2024 during the Easter Season. They are now called to go deeper in their relationship with Christ and His Church.