

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

St. Mary's Parish welcomes you as your child prepares for this special event in his/her spiritual life.

As Catholics, we believe that parents are the first and best teachers of their children. Children must see it modeled in their families. We use an "at-home" workbook for your preparation. The Catholic school and parish play a supporting role in the faith development of our children.

St. Mary's sacramental program is designed to provide both the children and their parents with the study materials needed to enhance activities and discussions at home in preparation for the celebration of the sacrament as a family.

REQUIRED REGISTRATION

Registration for all three sacraments will take place at the church on *Wednesday, October 14 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm*. This is a **required** session for at least one of the parents. The candidates do NOT have to attend. This session will include registration for all the sacraments. A \$40 registration fee for each sacrament covers workbooks, handouts, certificates, program costs and refreshments.

PLEASE BRING (A COPY OF) YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE TO THIS MEETING.

REQUIRED PREPARATION

The immediate preparation for each sacrament begins with a meeting for parents and children. This involves an introduction to the sacrament and the program material, as well as an opportunity to ask questions. Attending a Commitment Ceremony is required of all candidates. Candidates for First Communion and Confirmation must also attend a retreat.

Parents are also encouraged to ask any questions they may have by contacting the parish office.

St. Mary's follows the diocesan guidelines for the recommended ages to celebrate each sacrament. However, children who are older than the recommended ages, or younger if the parents believe their children are interested, are also welcome.

OTHER SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

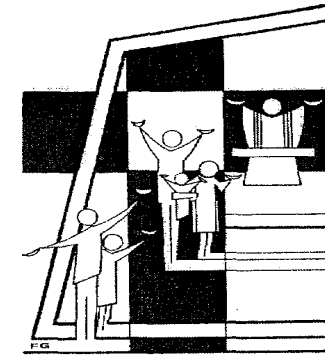
Infant Baptisms are celebrated regularly throughout the year. Please phone the parish office to begin the preparation journey.

Unbaptized Children of School Age - If you wish to have your school-aged child baptized, please call the parish office to discuss a preparation process.

Older Children - Sometimes children reach their teen years and have not yet received one or more of the sacraments. A special program will be designed to meet their needs. Please contact the parish office.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process for non-Catholic adults, and children of catechetical age (7 years and older), who would like to know more about the Catholic faith. Come join other inquirers. Please phone the parish office for more information.

Sacrament Preparation 2009-2010



CONFIRMATION
April 17, 2010 5:00 pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION
March 24, 2009 7:30 pm

FIRST EUCHARIST
April 24/25 or May 1/2, 8/9 or 15/16, 2010
at all Masses

Please call the parish office with any questions, or if you would like to help with the sacrament programs.

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CONFIRMATION

April 17, 2010 5:00 pm

The Sacrament of Confirmation is normally celebrated with candidates in grade six or older. **Candidates must be registered by November 18, 2009, and attend the Candidate events and Reconciliation scheduled (below).**

Confirmation Schedule

Wed. Oct. 14, 2009 7:00- 8:30 pm
Registration/Orientation FOR PARENTS

Wed. Nov. 18, 2009 7-8 pm
PARENTS' & CANDIDATES' MEETING

Weekend of Nov. 21 & 22 All Masses
COMMITMENT CEREMONY FOR ALL CANDIDATES

Sat. March 6, 2010 10:30 am to 4:45 pm
CANDIDATES' RETREAT and REHEARSAL

Tues. March 16, 2010 7:30 pm
Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

Confirmation Celebration
Saturday, April 17, 2010 5:00 pm



RECONCILIATION

March 16, 2010 7:30 pm

Reconciliation is normally celebrated with children in grade three who have already celebrated their First Eucharist. The preparation will take place starting in January 2010.

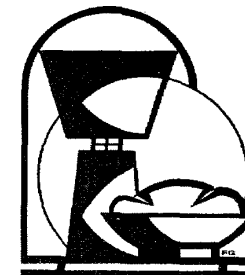
Reconciliation Schedule

Wed. Oct. 14, 2009 7:00-8:30 pm
Registration/Orientation FOR PARENTS

Wednesday January 13, 2010 7-8 pm
PARENTS' & CANDIDATES' MEETING

Weekend of January 16 & 17, 2010
ALL MASSES: COMMITMENT CEREMONY FOR ALL CANDIDATES

First Reconciliation Celebration
Tuesday, March 16, 2010 7:30 pm



FIRST EUCHARIST

April 24/25 or May 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 2010

First Eucharist is normally celebrated with children in grade two. When families take a primary, active role in preparing for Eucharist, they should be the ones to present their children for this holy sacrament. Children are invited to receive First Eucharist with their families during 4 weekends after Easter season. If it is more convenient, a later date can be arranged.

First Eucharist Schedule

Wed. Oct. 14, 2009 7:00-8:30 pm
Registration/Orientation FOR PARENTS

Wed. Jan. 27, 2010 7-8 pm
PARENTS' & CANDIDATES' MEETING

Weekend of Jan. 30 & 31, 2010
ALL MASSES: COMMITMENT CEREMONY FOR ALL CANDIDATES

Wednesday March 24, 2010 6:30 -8 pm
CANDIDATES' RETREAT

Easter Season Celebration of First Eucharist
April 24/25 or May 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 2010
at all Masses