



Confirmation

January 31, 2008 7:30 pm

The Sacrament of Confirmation is normally celebrated with candidates in grade six or older. The sacrament will be celebrated on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

Candidates must begin their preparation no later than October 31, 2007.

Confirmation Schedule

Wed. Sept 26, 2007 7:30- 9 pm
REGISTRATION/ORIENTATION

Wed. Oct 10, 2007 7-8 pm
PARENTS' & CANDIDATES' MEETING

Weekend of Oct. 13 & 14 All Masses
COMMITMENT CEREMONY FOR ALL CANDIDATES

Sat. Jan. 19, 2008 9:15 am to 2:30 pm
CANDIDATES' RETREAT and REHEARSAL

Confirmation Celebration
Thursday, January 31, 2008 7:30 pm



RECONCILIATION

March 6, 2008 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 2008. Children will celebrate their first reconciliation with the parish on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

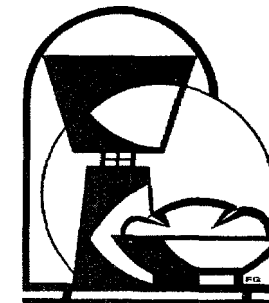
Reconciliation Schedule

Wed. Sept. 26, 2007 7:30-9 pm
REGISTRATION/ORIENTATION

Tuesday January 8, 2008 7-8 pm
PARENTS' & CANDIDATES' MEETING

Weekend of January 12 & 13, 2008
ALL MASSES: COMMITMENT CEREMONY FOR ALL CANDIDATES

Reconciliation Celebration
Thursday, March 6, 2008 7:30 pm



FIRST EUCHARIST

MAY 3 & 4, 2008 all Masses

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 the weekend of May 3 and 4, 2008. If it is more convenient, a later date can be arranged.

First Eucharist Schedule

Wed. Sept. 26, 2007 7:30-9 pm
REGISTRATION/ORIENTATION

Tues. Feb. 19, 2008 7-8 pm
PARENTS' & CANDIDATES' MEETING

Weekend of Feb. 23 & 24, 2008
ALL MASSES: COMMITMENT CEREMONY FOR ALL CANDIDATES

Tues. April 29, 2008 6:30 -8 pm
CANDIDATES' RETREAT/REHEARSAL

Celebration of First Eucharist
May 3 & 4, 2008 at all Masses
(or any later week-end Mass)

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

The staff and community of St. Mary's Parish welcome your child and your family as your child prepares for this special event in their spiritual life.

As Catholics, we believe that parents are the first and best teachers of their children. For children to take their faith seriously, they must see it modeled in their families. We have designed an "at-home" study preparation program. 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, September 26 from 7:30 to 9 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 \$20 registration fee for each sacrament covers workbooks and materials.

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

REQUIRED PREPARATION

The preparation for each sacrament begins with an introductory session for parents and children. There will be an introduction to the sacrament and the program material, as well as an opportunity to ask questions.

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 age to celebrate each sacrament. However, children who are older than the recommended age are also welcome, and if necessary, the program will be adapted to their needs.

OTHER SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Infant Baptisms are celebrated regularly throughout the year. Please phone the parish office to make arrangements.

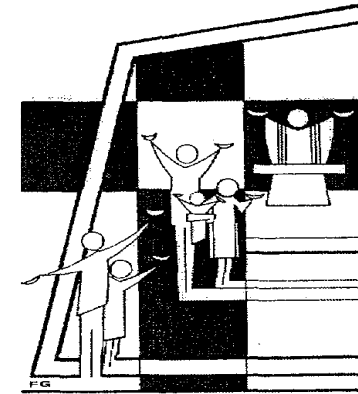
Unbaptized Children of School Age - If you wish to have your school-aged child baptized, please call the church office to make arrangements.

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.

Younger Children-If you feel your child is ready to receive a sacrament at an age younger than the ages noted, please call the parish office to discuss your situation.

R.C.I.A. (**R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults) 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 2007-2008



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March 6, 2008 7:30 pm

First Eucharist

May 3 or May 4, 2008 at all Masses
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Please call the parish office with any questions, or if you would like to help with the sacrament programs.

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