

FAQ

Will my child prepare for Sacraments in the classroom?

All Saints Parish recognizes and supports the primary role of the family in a person's preparation for Sacraments. All Saints' role is to partner families in the preparation. Classrooms (both FEP & catholic school) will teach curriculums that reinforce and support what is being taught in the sacrament programs, but will not completely prepare for the Sacrament.

Why do we pay a separate fee for Sacraments?

The programs are independent of the other formation programs and incur expenses for material, curriculum, and events that cannot be absorbed into those formation budgets.



What age is suggested for the reception of the Sacraments?

Children must be second grade or older to prepare for Reconciliation & Eucharist. Most children prepare in 2nd or 3rd grade. There is a separate program for older children.

Confirmation is celebrated with students 10th grade and older. Most teens prepare in 10th grade, although the program can accommodate High School Students in grades 10-12.

I have child/teen with special needs; can they prepare for and receive the Sacraments?

In most cases All Saints is able to work individually with each family to create a personal plan for children/teens with special needs to prepare and celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation. Contact Mary K. Bungert at (952)469-6465 or mbungert@allsaintschurch.com for more information.

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sacrament formation



Registration for Children/Adolescent Sacrament Formation at All Saints is a two step process.

First, you must specifically register for a Sacrament formation program.

- Registration for Sacraments will take place during the same seasons as FEP registration. See [FEP Brochure](#) for dates & times
- *Sacrament Formation programs are independent of other religious formation and carry an additional fee for curriculum and materials.*
 - *\$65 First Eucharist/Reconciliation*
 - *\$60 + retreat fees for Confirmation*

Second, your son/daughter **must** be registered:

- In the All Saints Faith Enrichment Program (Please see [FEP Brochure](#)) for the 2010-11 school year.
- **Or** be attending All Saints Catholic School or an accredited Catholic High School in the area.
- **Or** be home-schooling *full-time* including religious studies *and* have permission of the program director.

You are strongly encouraged to complete this registration during the spring registration period to ensure you get the class nights you need.



Reconciliation & Eucharist Preparation

Grade 2 & 3 with a separate program offered for older children

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is sometimes better remembered as the Sacrament of Penance or Confession. All Saints prepares for this Sacrament in the fall of the year. The focus of this preparation is to help children and their families come to understand the effect that wrong doing (sin) has on relationships, so that they can fully celebrate the loving forgiveness of Christ in the Sacrament. ***First reception of Reconciliation happens in November of each year.***

Young people prepare for their first reception of Eucharist (Communion) in the Winter/Spring season of the year. Preparation is intended to help children and families understand the celebration of the Mass, as well as embrace the mystery of Christ's gift of the Eucharist. ***First receptions of Eucharist occur at special weekend Masses in May.***

Components of Preparation for both Reconciliation and Eucharist

- Parish provided written materials to be used by the family at home.
- Parent formation evenings (3 each fall and spring).
- Parent/Child Activity Days (one in the fall and one in the spring) to support home formation and “practice” the specifics of reception.
- Celebrations dates that offer choices for homes hoping to include extended family.



Confirmation Preparation

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is an opportunity to strengthen one's acceptance of the Holy Spirit in life, and to make the decision to shape a life of witness to Christ and the Church. With this in mind All Saints will provide the following options for Confirmation

preparation for school year 1010-11. Students in both options will be expected to attend Mass regularly, participate in parish life, attend a retreat, and complete a journal.

OPTION A: “*Foundations*” – Grade 10 or older attending public high school.

- **First**, all young people are to be enrolled and attending FEP on Sunday mornings or Mondays evenings.
- **Second**, Students and parent (or Confirmation sponsor) will attend four Confirmation Preparation events (two are built into the FEP schedule).
 - One in September: *Catch the Spirit*
 - One in January: *The Call to Discipleship*
 - One in April: *Gifts of the Holy Spirit.*
 - One in May: *Confirmed in the Spirit*

OPTION B: “*Foundations -CHS*” –Grade 10 or older attending an accredited Catholic High School or home-schooling ***full-time*** including religious studies.

- **First**, all CHS students should be taking and passing religion/theology classes at their school.
- **Second**, once a month attend a Sunday morning formation session, and attend the four sessions above with a parent or sponsor. Two are built into the Sunday morning program.

Details will be covered at a mandatory gathering in September.