



Information about Children and Sacraments

Sacraments are joyous celebrations of your child's relationship with Jesus! We are in the process of determining the best way to prepare for Sacraments in this year of Covid Health Restrictions.

If your child is interested in preparing for sacraments, please complete and return the attached registration form or email elizabeth.cilano@dor.org or call 663-8000, ext. 1

For preparation of Sacraments:

- Children prepare and receive sacraments at their home parish where their family is registered and attend Mass.
- Weekly Mass attendance in-person or on-line is an essential and spiritual part of your family's faith journey!
- Children need to be enrolled in either a Catholic School or be enrolled in St. Charles Home-based Religious Education or another Faith Formation program.
- Children do **not** prepare for the Sacraments in their Catholic School classroom or in Religious Education. Our plan will include:
 - Textbooks, activities, and resources for children to complete with parents, guardians, or sponsors.
- Children 2nd grade or older may be ready to prepare for:
 - **First Penance** (also known as First Reconciliation)
 - **First Eucharist** (also known as First Communion)
 - Preparation for First Penance must be completed before preparing for First Eucharist.
 - **First Penance** information will be available in **October 2020**
- Students 8th grade or older may be ready to prepare for the Sacrament of **Confirmation**:
 - This is the beginning of a **2-year process**, with immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation taking place in the spring of the 2nd year.
 - Formation continues throughout the two-years by attending religion classes at Catholic School or being enrolled in St. Charles Home-based Religious Education.
 - **Confirmation** information will be available in **October 2020**