

Sacramental Preparation

Assumption Parish

2011-2012

Are you a parent who has a child in 2nd grade or older?

Do you have a child older than 2nd grade who has not been Confirmed OR has not celebrated First Eucharist OR has not celebrated First Reconciliation?

Did you or another adult you know miss the sacrament Confirmation along the way?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, then this sheet is for you! ****

It is our practice here at Assumption for parents to prepare their children for the sacraments of Confirmation, First Eucharist, and First Reconciliation. The parish, and specifically the Faith Formation staff, is here to assist parents in that preparation.

The first and most important step is to pastorally understand each student's unique background as they prepare to complete their Sacraments of Initiation. With that in mind, there will be an individual family meeting that each family preparing for sacraments should schedule in September by calling Betty Zeestraten at 631-4447. This is a **must** for all families who will be preparing a child for Confirmation, First Eucharist, or First Reconciliation.

Preparation for **First Reconciliation will be in the fall again this year.** There are two meetings for **parents and children**: Sunday, October 9, and Sunday, November 6, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. Light refreshments will be provided. (*****Children who will celebrate Confirmation and First Eucharist in the spring need to have completed preparation for First Reconciliation**). **First Reconciliation will be November 12th, 10:00 a.m.**

Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation into the Catholic faith. Baptism and First Eucharist are the other two. Children in this parish prepare for **Confirmation and First Eucharist** together. The meetings of preparation and prayer are at 12:00 -2:00 on the following Sundays: December 11, January 15, (snow day on Jan 22), February 26, and March 25. They are for **parents and children**. Light refreshments will be provided. Confirmation will be celebrated by the Bishop (The Bishop's office has not finalized a date with us yet) and First Eucharist will be celebrated at Assumption on Saturday, April 21st.

The Church teaches that children may celebrate these sacraments as early as the age of discretion if they understand the sacrament at their age level and have a desire to celebrate the sacrament. Parents are the best people to help their children discern their readiness. You will be given more information about readiness in the "Individual Family Meetings."

*If your child will be preparing for Sacraments,
fill out the enclosed Enrollment in Sacramental Preparation sheet & hand it in with other forms.*

Questions regarding this flier should be addressed to Betty Zeestraten, 835-3133.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MEETINGS

Meeting for ALL SACRAMENTS

Individually scheduled meetings for each family. Call Betty Zeestraten at 631-4447.

Meetings for Reconciliation Preparation

Sunday, October 9, 12:00 noon – 2:00. Light Refreshments. Parents & Children.

Sunday, November 6, 12:00 noon – 2:00. Light Refreshments. Parents & Children.

1st Reconciliation is on November 12th, 10:00 a.m.

Meetings for Confirmation and First Eucharist

Sunday, December 11, 12:00noon -2:00. Light Refreshments. Parents & Children.

Sunday, January 15, 12:00 noon – 2:00. Light Refreshments. Parents & Children.

[SNOW DATE IF NEEDED: Sunday, January 22, 12:00 noon – 2:00.]

Sunday, February 26, 12:00 noon – 2:00. Light Refreshments. Parents & Children.

Sunday, March 25, 12:00 noon – 2:00. Light Refreshments. Parents & Children.

PLEASE NOTE: Confirmation is yet to be finalized due to the Bishop's schedule. Families will be given this date as soon as we have it. There will be an evening retreat the night before Confirmation.

First Eucharist is Saturday, April 21, at 4:30 Mass.

(Children and Sponsors will come at 3:00 p.m.).