

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

St. Catherine Parish
St. Sebastian Parish
2018 - 2019

July 17, 2018

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Sacramental Preparation

The preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist is family-centered and shared between St. Catherine and St. Sebastian parishes. We invite children who have completed at least one year of Faith Formation, either through our parish schools or faith formation programs, to begin the formal process of Reconciliation and then Eucharist.

The sacramental process has three major elements:

1. Lessons and example learned at home within the family,
2. Activities and lessons shared with other families preparing to celebrate the sacraments
3. Formal lessons related to the sacraments which are part of the regular Faith Formation found in the parish faith formation programs or parish schools.

Family involvement is crucial to sacramental preparation. Parents and families have an essential part in the preparation of children for sacrament:

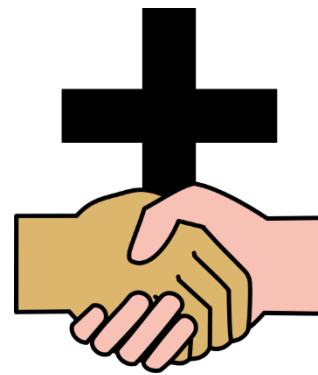
- They make regular participation in parish liturgy part of their family life.
- They model faith and religious practice for their children.
- They assist in the activities and lessons related to sacraments.
- They help determine whether their child is ready to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church.

First Reconciliation Preparation – Fall 2018

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a blessing and gift of God's peace. As sons and daughters of a loving God, we are all invited to celebrate the healing grace that is offered through this sacrament.

Reconciliation is a powerful example of God's presence in our lives. Jesus taught us through parables such as the Good Shepherd and the Prodigal Son that God longs for our presence and is always waiting for and welcoming us when we lose sight of God's way.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation grows out of the act of communal reconciliation we practice each Sunday at Mass. In this sacrament we come to God with the knowledge that we sin, that our sin hurts our community and ourselves, and that God is anxious to forgive and heal any broken bonds. Our emphasis on the family's role in reconciliation grows out of the reality that it is within the home that most of us learn to love, to forgive, and to be forgiven.



First Eucharist Preparation - Spring 2019

The celebration of Eucharist is at the heart of who we are and what we believe as Catholics. Eucharist teaches us who we are and what we should become. The process through which our children come to the Table and partake in the Body and Blood of Christ is both a parish and family celebration. This “food for the journey” unites us in many ways with Christ and those who share our faith.

The Sacrament of Eucharist is an intimate communion with Christ and with those who share our table. It is also a sign for us that we are all servants to one another.



Children who celebrate this sacrament are most often in 2nd Grade and are at least 7 years old. The parish communities of St. Catherine and St. Sebastian invite children who have completed at least one year of Faith Formation, either in the parish schools or a faith formation program, and who have celebrated Reconciliation, to begin preparation for First Eucharist. *It is the policy of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that children preparing for First Eucharist must first prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

Registration for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Families who wish to have their children celebrate Reconciliation and Eucharist are asked to follow these steps:

- Complete and submit the Reconciliation and Eucharist registration materials to the parish house (address on form). This includes the submission of a Baptism Certificate, along with fees. *Please note we do not keep children from Faith Formation due to financial needs. If you have a financial concern, please contact Amy (arebholz@saintsebs.com) about options and scholarships.*
- Participate in Sunday Mass regularly as a family.
- Participate in faith formation in either our parish Catholic schools or a faith formation program.
- Attend the two parent orientation sessions, at which all materials will be distributed.
- As a family, work on the sacramental packet and return the review pages.
- Attend the Parent-Child programs together.

2018 – 2019 Reconciliation and Eucharist Preparation

St. Sebastian & St. Catherine Parishes

(All events held at St. Sebastian unless noted)

Reconciliation Preparation

Meetings for Children and Parents

Orientation

Sunday, September 9 (9:00 a.m.) or Wednesday, September 19 (6:15 p.m.)

Formation Session

Sunday, October 7 (9:00 a.m.) or Wednesday, October 17 (6:15 p.m.)

Reconciliation Retreat

Saturday, November 17 (9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

Reconciliation Service

Saturday, December 1 (9:30 a.m. at St. Catherine) or
Wednesday, December 5 (6:30 p.m. at St. Sebastian)



First Eucharist Preparation

Meetings for Children and Parents

Orientation

Sunday, January 6 (9:00 a.m.) or Wednesday, January 16 (6:15 p.m.)

Formation Session

Sunday, February 3 (9:00 a.m.) or Wednesday, February 6 (6:15 p.m.)

Formation Session

Saturday, March 9 (9:00 a.m.) or Wednesday, March 13 (6:15 p.m.)

First Eucharist Retreat

Saturday, April 6 (9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

First Eucharist Liturgies

Sunday, May 12 (rehearsal on Wednesday, May 8 at 6 p.m.) or
Sunday, May 19 (rehearsal on Wednesday, May 15 at 6 p.m.)



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Check sacraments needed:

Baptism _____ First Reconciliation _____ First Eucharist _____

Second grade is the usual grade in the Milwaukee Archdiocese for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Attendance in a Faith Formation program (either Catholic School or Faith Formation Program) is expected the year prior to Sacramental preparation.

Please PRINT all information clearly

Child/Youth's Name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Best Active Email for Family _____

Date of Birth _____ City/State of Birth _____

Grade in September 2018 _____ Name of school _____

Religious Education in September 2018 is at (school/parish) _____

Has this child/youth been baptized? _____ Date of baptism _____

Church of Baptism (Name of Parish, City): _____

In what faith tradition was child baptized? (Catholic, Lutheran, etc.) _____

Photo Release

I hereby grant permission to St. Sebastian and St. Catherine Congregations, Milwaukee, WI, to use my child's photo for external publication on the Internet at the parishes' websites or in any other official printed publications without further considerations, understanding that my child's full name will **not** be published on the Internet.

Parent's Signature

Date

*Unless your child was baptized at St. Sebastian or St. Catherine,
please attach a copy of Baptismal Certificate*

Please complete both sides!

Family Data

Mother's Name _____
Last First Middle

Mother's Address (if different from above) _____

Mother's Religion _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

Mother's cell phone _____ Mother's e-mail _____

Father's Name _____
Last First Middle

Father's Address (if different from above) _____

Father's Religion _____

Father's cell phone _____ Father's e-mail _____

When communications are sent, if parents are not together, to whom should they go?

Mom _____ Dad _____ Both _____

Parish Membership

Note: Preparation for Sacraments should take place in your parish of membership.

_____ We are registered members of St. Catherine Parish

_____ We are registered members of St. Sebastian Parish

_____ We are not registered members of St. Catherine or Sebastian Parishes

_____ We are registered members at _____ Parish,
in the City of _____.

Fees

The cost for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist includes child and parent books, all materials, refreshments for retreats, and projects.

_____ First Reconciliation: \$35.00

_____ First Eucharist: \$40.00

\$ _____ Total Payment Enclosed

Please return completed form, Baptism certificate, and check payable to St. Sebastian or St. Catherine Parish to the Parish Office.

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