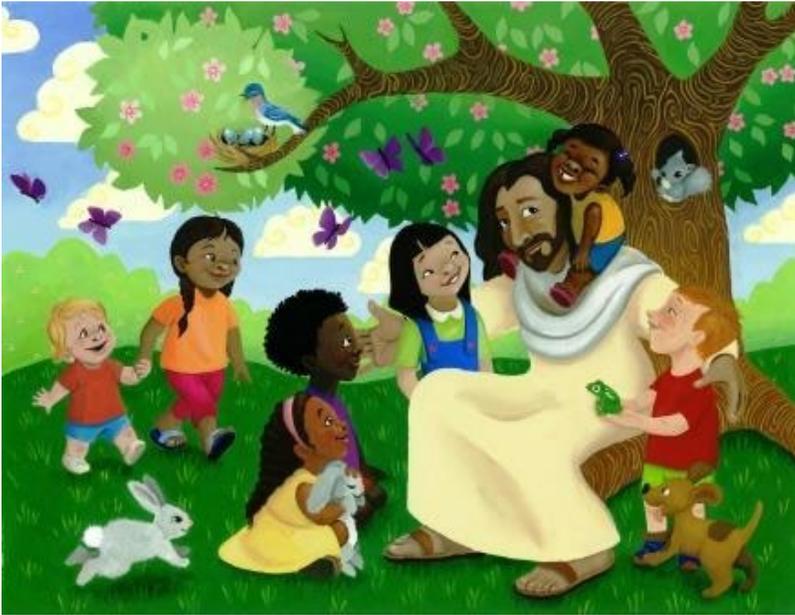


First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

St. Catherine Parish
St. Sebastian Parish
2021 - 2022

August 15, 2021

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Sacramental Preparation

The preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist (often called First Communion) 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, and
3. **Formal lessons** related to the sacraments which are part of the parish or school faith formation programs.

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

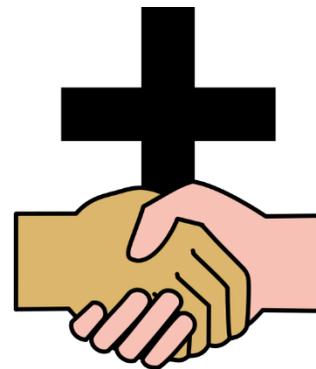
- They make regular participation in parish liturgy and sacraments part of their family life.
- They model faith and religious practice for their children.
- They assist in the activities and lessons related to sacraments.
- They help determine whether their child is ready to participate fully in the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

First Reconciliation Preparation – Fall 2021

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 2022

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 seven 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 that wish to have their children celebrate Reconciliation and Eucharist are asked to follow these steps:

- Complete and submit the Reconciliation and Eucharist registration.
 - Please send 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 [Joe Sheehan](mailto:joe.sheehan@saintsebs.org) (jsheehan@saintsebs.org) about options and scholarships.*
 - You may also complete the registration forms online at <http://bit.ly/SebsSac> [case sensitive]. Click the link under the heading “Faith Formation Payments.”
- 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 (Fall and Spring), at which all materials will be distributed.
- As a family, work through the sacramental preparation book and complete the review pages.
- Attend the Parent-Child programs together.

2021 – 2022 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, October 10 (9:00 a.m.) or Wednesday, October 13 (6:15 p.m.)

Formation Session

Sunday, November 14 (9:00 a.m.) or Wednesday, November 17 (6:15 p.m.)

Reconciliation Retreat

Saturday, December 11 (9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 15 (6:30 p.m. at St. Sebastian Parish) or
Saturday, December 18 (9:30 a.m. at St. Catherine Parish)



First Eucharist Preparation

Meetings for Children and Parents

Orientation

Sunday, January 30 (9:00 a.m.) or Wednesday, February 2 (6:15 p.m.)

Formation Session

Sunday, February 27 (9:00 a.m.) or Wednesday, March 2 (6:15 p.m.)

Formation Session

Sunday, March 13 (9:00 a.m.) or Wednesday, March 16 (6:15 p.m.)

First Eucharist Retreat

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

First Eucharist Liturgies

Sunday, May 1 (rehearsal on Wednesday, April 27 at 6 p.m.) at St. Sebastian Parish or
Sunday, May 8 (rehearsal TBD) at St. Catherine Parish



For ongoing updates, stay connected to www.SaintSebastianOnline.net and www.facebook.com/StSebsMKE

Registration Process

To register for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist:

1. Participate regularly in faith formation through our parish schools or religious formation
2. Complete the Registration Form
3. Submit the Registration Form and fees*

Return the Registration to:

Saint Sebastian Faith Formation
5400 W. Washington Blvd
Milwaukee, WI 53208

or Saint Catherine Faith Formation
5101 W. Center Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210

OR complete the registration form and payment online at <http://bit.ly/SebsSac> [case sensitive]

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*We never deny access to sacraments due to an inability to pay fees.



If you have questions or concerns, please contact
Joe Sheehan at 414-453-7150 x122 or jsheehan@saintsebs.org

St. Sebastian and St. Catherine Parishes
First Reconciliation and First Eucharist
Registration Form
2021 – 2022



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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.

Child/Youth's Name

First

Middle

Last

Address

City

Zip Code

Primary Phone #

Cell #

Best Active Email for Family

Date of Birth

City/State of Birth

Grade in September 2021

Name of school

Religious Education in September 2021 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 the child baptized?

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

Not Baptized

Unless your child was baptized at St. Catherine or St. Sebastian, you must **submit a copy** of the baptismal certificate.
If registering on-line, please submit and email a scanned copy.

Does this student have any special needs or allergies?

No

Yes

Briefly describe:

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/Guardian Signature

Date

Entering your name constitutes signature of authorization

Please complete next page

Family Data

Parent 1 Name _____
Last First Middle

Parent 1 Address (if different from above) _____

Parent 1 Religion _____ Parent 1 Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

Parent 1 Cell phone _____ Parent 1's email _____

Parent 2 Name _____
Last First Middle

Parent 2 Address (if different from above) _____

Parent 2 Religion _____ Parent 2 Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

Parent 2 Cell phone _____ Parent 2 e-mail _____

When communications are sent, if parents are not together, to whom should they go?
Parent 1 _____ Parent 2 _____ Both _____

Additional information:

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. Click here to pay on-line

_____ First Reconciliation: \$35.00

_____ First Eucharist: \$40.00

Total Payment

St. Sebastian Parish
Attn: Joe Sheehan
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Milwaukee, WI 53208
414-453-7150 x122
jsheehan@saintsebs.org

Please **save** completed form under Last Name, **email** saved copy to Joe Sheehan. Include scanned **copy of Baptismal certificate**, if required, along with a check payable to St. Sebastian or St. Catherine Parish to the Parish Office. Addresses located to the right →

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