

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CALENDAR 2015-2016  
PREPARATION FOR RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION

Select Sundays, 12:15-2 PM

2015

August 30

September 20

October 4 and 18

November 1 and 15

December 6 (Retreat)

\* Tuesday, December 10 is **First Reconciliation** (6:30 arrival)

2016

January 10

February 7 and 21

March 6 and 20

April 17

May 1 (Retreat and rehearsal)

\*Sunday, May 8 is **First Communion** (Mother's Day) @ 11AM Mass

**Please Note:**

- At least one parent must attend each session. (Other adult guests and well-behaved siblings are also welcome.) Confirmation preparation includes some parent/sponsor attendance.
- Children must also be registered in our faith formation program (*Family Faith Formation or Youth Group*) or be attending a diocesan Catholic School (*St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, St. Andrew Catholic School or Bishop Verot High School*).
- Families are allowed one absence per semester.

**Confirmation (meets noon-3)**

The Bishop has asked all parishes in the diocese to move Confirmation to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. (This means no Restored Order). It remains a two year program, beginning in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and continuing into the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, when the Sacrament is conferred. This is the minimum required, but it's expected that a child participate in Faith Formation regularly throughout their school years.

Teens who are first registering this year (in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or higher) will follow a "First Year" schedule, which is a minimum of 80% attendance in Faith Formation (youth group). Teens who participated fully in Faith Formation (youth group) last year follow a "Second Year" schedule, which includes the preparation meetings listed above plus 80% or better attendance in Faith Formation, be it youth group or in a diocesan Catholic school.

Specifics of preparation, including the youth rally on November 21 and a retreat as Confirmation nears, as well as service requirements will be given at orientation or reviewed during individual meetings with the second year candidates.

The actual date of Confirmation is not yet known. We will inform you as soon as we hear from the Bishop's office! It is likely we will have a combined liturgy with other area parishes in April or May of 2015.

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