

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CALENDAR 2016-2017
PREPARATION FOR RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION
Sundays, 12-1 PM (unless Monday is a public school holiday)

2016

August 21 and 28
September 11, 18, and 25
October 9, 23, and 30
November 13 and 20
December 4, 11, and 18

* Thursday, December 15 is **First Reconciliation** (6:30 arrival)

2017

January 8, 22, and 29
February 5, 12, and 26
March 5, 19, and 26
April 2, 23, and 30

May 7 (retreat/rehearse)

*Sunday, May 21 is **First Communion** @ 11 AM 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 participants in our *Family Faith Formation* program or be attending a diocesan Catholic School (*St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, St. Andrew Catholic School or Bishop Verot High School*).
- Families are allowed two absences per program per semester.

Confirmation (meets 12-1 PM)

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

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

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

The actual date of Confirmation is not yet known and our preparation schedule may change to accommodate the date chosen. 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 2017.

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