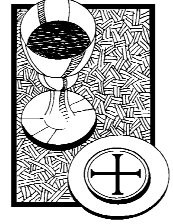


Sacramental Preparation

St. Kilian Religious Education



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SACRAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

First Communion preparation is at minimum a two year process. The Sacraments of Reconciliation/Confession and Eucharist/Communion are received upon completion of both first and second grade, or for older students, two years in a religious education program. **Children receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before Communion.**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Students that are in grades 2-8, have been baptized Roman Catholic and have completed one year of religious education will be eligible to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion during their second year of instruction. Retreats are planned to help them have a better understanding of these sacraments. **Regular attendance of this year is especially important.** Two mandatory parent meetings and retreats for children will provide information, materials and support that will enable the whole family to be a part of this preparation. Dates for these events are listed on the Religious Education Calendar.

CHILDREN WHO ATTEND CATHOLIC OR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Catholic Children who are baptized and attend **Catholic School** will register in our Sacramental Preparation program in the fall of their 2nd year of instruction. They will receive a workbook per sacrament to be completed at home with parental guidance and participate in the activities for all children receiving the sacraments that year. Parents will attend the required Sacramental Preparation meetings and may participate in children's activities.

Catholic children who are baptized and attend **Christian School** are expected to register in our religious education program and attend in their **2nd year** for **sacramental preparation**. Parents may choose to send their child to RE classes on site or participate in our Independent Study Program. Parents are asked to exercise care in helping their child distinguish both common elements of Christian belief and particular doctrinal and liturgical practices of Roman Catholics. **One year attendance at a Christian school (post Kindergarten) will be accepted for the first year of religious education.** A letter of transfer is required in order to verify attendance or a copy of the end of the year report card.