

Dates to Remember

- **VERITUS - child safety program requirement** the child and a parent are required to attend.
September 25 (Fri) 6:30 to 8pm
We will meet in the Chapel.
- **Parent Orientation : required** for a parent of the family or any adult who will be attending Generations of Faith, First Reconciliation/Eucharist , Children's Initiation and High School Confirmation. No children please. Lots of info will be shared and this will be too boring for the children!
September 12th (Sat) 2-4pm
We will meet in the Gathering Sp.
- **First Reconciliation/First Eucharist :** meetings begin in January.
- **Parent One Day Retreat: requirement** for a parent to attend in the year the child is preparing for 1st Communion.
October 24 (Sat.) 9am until 6pm
We will meet in the Gathering Space.
- **Children's Initiation:** Meetings begin in mid-September.

You will receive a calendar of meeting dates at the Parent Orientation.



For More

Information

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St. Francis of Assisi
First Sacraments
Program



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The St. Francis of Assisi Sacraments program prepares children 2nd - 8th grades for the celebration of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

A copy of the child's Baptism certificate is required at the time of registration.

One year of religious education formation is required before your child can be included in the sacrament preparation process.

The Generations of Faith program satisfies this requirement..

It is also required during the year that your child is preparing for sacraments.

Generations of Faith:

On the 2nd week of every month children and their families join the wider parish community in the Generations of Faith program.

The session starts with prayer at 6:30 PM and ends with hospitality until 8:30 PM.

Veritus– This child safety program is a diocesan requirement. St. Francis requires that every child and their parent that is registered in our programs need to attend this session.

Program Description

First Eucharist/Reconciliation:

Baptized children in grades 2 through 8 are taught at home by their parents, or in small home groups.

- Attendance at Generation of Faith is required.
- Support is given to parents at 4 required meetings. Children attend specialized workshops while their parents meet separately at the same meeting time.
- At least one parent is required to attend the 1 day Parent Retreat in October.
- The children are interviewed by parish catechists to be sure they are well prepared.

Mass:

Participants and their families are expected to attend weekly Mass to learn about the liturgy through participation and to hear any announcements regarding the program.

- Generations of Faith and Sacrament Prep. directly relates to the Sunday mass.

Children's Initiation (CIC):

Sacrament preparation for un-baptized children & children baptized in other faiths who are 7–17 yrs old. These children and their families journey through a special period of preparation. When ready, they will be initiated into the Catholic family at the Easter Vigil.

Contact Peggy for details.



How to Register your child for First Sacrament Preparation:

1. Pick up the registration packet for Generations of Faith from the office.
2. Complete all the forms, make a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, and payment of program costs. (if payment is a hardship, please discuss with Peggy, Lisa or Julius)
3. Return the packet to Peggy Bariteau, Lisa Nakamura, or Julius Bercasio.

Please call ahead to be sure someone is available to take your registration.

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Registration Deadline is August 31st!

The required costs associated with the process are as follows:

GOF family cost is \$130.

GOF + 1 child in sacrament prep. = \$230.

GOF + 2 children - sacrament prep.= \$330.

Parent retreat = \$ to be determined.