

# SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation are important rituals in the faith development of our children in the parish family of The Cluster.

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## FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION REQUIREMENTS



1. Weekly attendance is necessary in both 1st and 2nd grade in order to prepare the students properly before receiving these sacraments.
2. Parents are expected to participate in these sacramental programs actively by attending the parent meetings, attending weekly Mass with their child(ren), and otherwise helping their child(ren) to prepare at home for the celebration of the sacraments.
3. All children preparing for First Communion **must** attend the retreat at the Franciscan Center (parents may attend if they desire), and the School Day Retreat for the site where they will be celebrating this sacrament.

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## CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS

1. The Confirmation program is a two year program. Weekly attendance is necessary for students in both the 7th and 8th grade.
2. Parents are expected to actively participate in these sacramental programs by attending the parent meetings and encouraging their children to prepare for the celebration of Confirmation, including regular Sunday Mass attendance.
3. Students should select a sponsor by September 30th of their 8th grade year. They will be required to meet with their sponsor, apart from class, during the time of preparation.
4. Students are asked to perform 10 hours of community/parish service in each of these years of preparation, or 20 hours total. (These can be earned by assisting with parish festivals, VBS, etc.)
5. Those students preparing for Confirmation **must** attend the Retreats, as scheduled.
6. Following Confirmation prep, the students will join the youth ministry group to finish out the year.

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**More information and updates about the specific preparation for these sacraments will be in the program booklets and addressed at the parent meetings.**