

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

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FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION REQUIREMENTS:

- Family **registered** in the parish
- Children must have been **baptized** in the Catholic Faith tradition and have attained the use of reason.
- Minimum Age: **7 years old**. Canon 97: *With the completion of the seventh year, one is presumed to have the use of the reason.* This is normally the age for enrollment in the **2nd grade**.
- Documents:
 - A copy of the child's **Baptismal certificate**.
 - In case of name change or a change of guardianship a legal verification of name will be needed, resulting in the request for a **Birth Certificate**.



FORMATION REQUIREMENTS:

- They are expected to know **basic prayers** including:
 - *The Sign of the Cross*
 - *The Lord's Prayer*
 - *Hail Mary*
 - *Glory Be*They will be learning/practicing the *Act of Contrition* this year.
- Regular and Consistent **Mass attendance**.
- **Enrollment in 1 Year of Faith Formation**. This includes an approved homeschool, Catholic School and/or **consistent** attendance at our **Wednesday night Faith Works Program**.
- Attend 2 Parent/Child night classes and 1 retreat for each Sacrament. Dates will be sent out to registered Sacramental families.



FAQs

- **What if my child is baptized, but is older than 2nd grade and has not received their First Communion?**

All of the above still applies to your child, but we will also need to verify proper program placement depending on their age. Please contact Katey Bellefeuille: katey@starofthesea.net

- **What if my child isn't baptized and is 7+ years old?**

All of the above applies to your child except they will also need to be on track with the OCIA class Rites. Please note that this will be a two-year process. A Birth Certificate will be needed, and the child will need a sponsor who is a practicing Catholic. Following all required formation, the child will be received into the church at the Easter Vigil and receive both Baptism and Holy Communion. Contact Katey to get started!