

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS



First Reconciliation and Eucharist Parent Meeting:
Tuesday, November 9, 2010 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Fehrenbach Hall.
Parents of students preparing for First Eucharist attend this program.
Attendance is a requirement.

FIRST RECONCILIATION:

Students are prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the second grade in our parish religious education program. It takes place prior to, and separate from, the preparation for First Eucharist. Students preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation must be the children of registered St. Peter's parishioners, must have been validly baptized, and must have attended a first grade religion program.

Students who have completed Reconciliation preparation have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time at a special celebration. This celebration is on **Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Church.** Parents attend this celebration with their child and are also encouraged to receive the sacrament at this time.

*** Opportunities are made available twice during each year for students in grades 3-8 to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in conjunction with our religious education program. Parents have the responsibility to make this sacrament available to their children at other times during the year, according to our parish schedule.

FIRST COMMUNION:

Students are normally prepared to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist during the second grade in our parish religious education program. These students must be the children of registered St. Peter's parishioners, have completed a first grade religious program, have had prior preparation for the sacrament of reconciliation, and must have evidence that they have been validly baptized. If your child was not baptized at St. Peter Church, a copy of the baptismal certificate is to be mailed to our religious education office no later than **November 1, 2010.**

Important dates to remember for First Communion include:

Jesus Day: Jesus Day is an activity program for children preparing for First Eucharist and their parents. It will be held on **Saturday, March 19, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.** in the Cafeteria. Further information will be given at a later date.

First Eucharist: St. Peter School of Religion will celebrate First Eucharist during a special liturgy on **Sunday, April 10, 2011, at 12:30 p.m.** Practice for students and parents will be on **Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Church.**

CONFIRMATION:

Students are normally prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation during the eighth grade in our parish religious education program. Students in grades 9-12 who have not yet been confirmed and who meet St. Peter's requirements for Confirmation as outlined will also be prepared if they so desire through the Youth Ministry program. Students preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation must be children of registered St. Peter's parishioners, must have been validly baptized, and must have been attending religious education classes on a regular basis during the years preceding Confirmation preparation. **REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS IMPERATIVE - STUDENTS WHO DO NOT FULFILL THIS REQUIREMENT ARE IN JEOPARDY OF NOT BEING CONFIRMED.** If the student was not baptized at St. Peter Church, a copy of the baptismal certificate is to be mailed to our religious education office no later than **November 1, 2010.**

Important dates to remember for Confirmation include:

Parent/Student Meeting: A required meeting for parents, sponsors and students preparing for Confirmation will be held on **Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Fehrenbach Hall.**

Rite of Enrollment Program: On **Sunday, November 7, 2010, at the 9:00 a.m. beginning in the School Gym.** All students, parents and sponsors preparing for Confirmation will participate in the Rite of Enrollment Program. This program will close with a ceremony at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served in Fehrenbach Hall immediately following this Mass. **Sponsors need to be chosen by this date. All Confirmation forms are due by the Rite of Enrollment Program**

Confirmation Retreat: Students will be required to attend a retreat for Confirmation. **The students are given a choice of one of these two Friday night to Saturday evening overnight retreats: January 21-22 or February 4-5, 2011.** The retreat choice form is included in the Confirmation packet that was mailed in May.

Confirmation Practice: A mandatory practice for all sponsors and students will be held on **Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Church.**

Confirmation: Confirmation will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 1, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. with a reception in the Ries Center following Confirmation.**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

Students in grades 3-12 who have not yet received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist need to attend Basic Doctrine/ Sacramental Preparation classes or be tutored. Classes are formed or tutoring provided as needed for those students. Sacramental preparation class is a one-year program. Tutoring takes place on an as needed basis.

