

St. Laurence Sacrament Preparation Expectations

Sacrament Preparation at St. Laurence requires a commitment to the process of preparation from both parent and child/teen. **The prerequisite for preparation is at least one year of formal religious education immediately prior Sacrament Preparation year.** This ensures a continuity of faith development and foundation. **During the actual year of preparation there is an expectation for active participation in the immediate preparation process as well as continual attendance at an ongoing religious education program (CCE/EDGE/LIFENIGHT, Catholic School, Catholic Home Study program, or Family Faith.)**

A child must complete all the essentials parts of preparation before receiving the Sacrament. Parents hold a great responsibility in the preparation process for their children and are expected to develop a living out of the Catholic faith life in their family including attending Mass regularly.



Registration Steps:

- 1) Fill out a RE Family Registration Form. *(unless your child is a St. Laurence Catholic School student).*
- 2) Fill out the attached Sacrament Preparation form. Forms are not accepted after September 18.
- 3) Attach a Copy of Baptism Certificate. If Baptized at St. Laurence, you must provide an **exact date of Baptism and full legal name listed** below in lieu of a copy of the certificate.
- 4) Turn both forms into the Ave Maria Center with payment.

First Reconciliation/First Communion Preparation requirements:

Students in 2nd grade or older who have been Baptized Catholic can begin the preparation process for First Reconciliation/ First Communion. In conjunction with ongoing religious education, the preparation process is a home based program with material to cover at home and required attendance at the following preparation process:

1. **Parents only Meetings** – one in Fall for First Reconciliation and one in Spring for First Communion
2. **Walk Thru Reconciliation** (Fall only) & **Tour of Church** (Spring only)
3. **Retreat** - one in Fall for First Reconciliation and one in Spring for First Communion
4. **Assessment Interview-** one in Fall for First Reconciliation and one in Spring for First Communion

Confirmation Preparation requirements:

Students in 10th or 11th grade who were Baptized Catholic and who have received their First Reconciliation/First Communion can begin the preparation process for Confirmation.

1. **Parent Orientation Meeting** – One Parent needs to attend. Teen attendance is not required.
2. **Classes** - Attend the session specific for your child – Students not in Catholic school must attend weekly Life Night. **Catholic High School students are expected to attend one additional assigned Life Night a month in addition to the Confirmation specific once a month class.** Student is allowed one absence a semester but makeup work is required.
3. **Service Hours** - Participate in service opportunities equal to eight hours in length with the Confirmation community. Four of these hours can come from outside service, as long as they fall under the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.
4. **Confirmation Retreat** – Attend the Confirmation specific retreat offered.
5. **Candidate/Sponsor Sessions** – Attend one session and communicate with sponsor regularly. More details on requirement for sponsors will be given at parent orientation.
6. **Exit Interview** - Successfully complete an exit interview at the end of the Confirmation process.



Attach Baptismal Certificate with This Form

St. Laurence Catholic Church
Sacrament Preparation Registration Form 2017-2018

- THIS FORM MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE RE FAMILY REGISTRATION AND TURNED IN BEFORE **AUGUST 1.**
- ONLY SLCS ELEMENTARY FAMILIES, MAY TURN IN ONLY THIS FORM WITH A \$25 FEE DUE.
- ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE (SEE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION)
- SACRAMENT PREPARATION REGISTRATION CLOSES ON **SEPTEMBER 18TH.**

**Please note: Religious education is require at least one year prior and during sacrament preparation.*

Select Preparation Needed: **First Reconciliation/First Communion** **Confirmation**
(2nd grade and older) (10th-12th grade)

CHILD'S INFORMATION

Full Name of Child (as on Baptismal Certificate) _____ Age (as of Sept 1st) _____ Grade (2017-2018) _____

Date of Birth _____ City of Birth _____ State of Birth _____

Was your child Baptized Catholic? Yes No _____
Date of Baptism _____

Name of Parish where Baptized _____ City, State of Parish where Baptized _____

Number of years of Previous formal Catholic religious education: _____ Parish Name _____

Previous RE Type: CCE Catholic Home School Catholic School Family Faith

Where if your child registered this year for religious education? St Laurence Other _____

Current RE Type: CCE Catholic Home School Catholic School Family Faith

FAMILY INFORMATION

Registered St. Laurence Parishioner? Yes No How often does your family attend Mass? _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Father's Full Name _____ Mother's Name _____ Maiden _____

Father's Religion _____ Mother's Religion _____

Father's E-Mail Address _____ Mother's E-Mail Address _____

**Please note: E-mail is the main method of communication. Please print clearly.*

***Baptism information must be provided. Your child is not registered for Sacrament Preparation until this form and the Baptismal Certificate is received. If your child was baptized here at St. Laurence, you can fill in information above with the exact date of Baptism in lieu of a copy of baptismal certificate. If it is not possible to have the actual Baptismal Certificate with registration, please provide documentation showing that the parish has been notified.**

SACRAMENT PREPARATION COMMITMENT

Please read the St. Laurence Sacrament Preparation Expectations Form and sign below your commitment to the process:

I, _____, and I, _____ (parents/guardians of _____) have read the Expectations and Agreement and commit to the sacrament preparation process and attendance at all the elements of the preparation process. I understand that my child must complete all the essentials parts of preparation before he/she can receive the Sacraments. Parents who have attended prior years must still attend all aspects of the process to ensure current and updated information for their children's preparation process.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Signature _____ Grade _____ Date: _____

Please note: Parent Meeting exemption from prior year's preparation attendance is no longer offered. Parents who have attended prior years for another child must still attend all aspects of the preparation process to ensure current and updated information for their child who is preparing to receive their respective sacrament.

If you have any questions regarding this form or the sacrament preparation program, please contact the RE Staff.

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