

Mass/Liturgical Programs

By the celebration of the Eucharist, all members of the parish are made one in Christ. Encourage your child to participate in this celebration when ever possible. Each child's appreciation of the Mass grows from his/her participation.

Planning and participating in the Eucharist will be an integral part of your child's program at Holy Family School. Most Fridays during the month and Holy Days of obligation are eucharistic celebrations. Parents are invited to join their children at the all-school Masses. Please check the monthly calendar for scheduled liturgies and prayer services. It is absolutely expected that our students attend Mass on the weekend with their parents and contribute to Holy Family Parish through use of envelopes.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is scheduled during the Advent & Lenten seasons. Stations of the Cross are scheduled during Lent. The Rosary and May Crowning are special Marian Devotions. Servers and lectors are taken from grades 6-8.



Sacramental Policies

Each year Holy Family Parish invites a new group of young people to a fuller participation in the Sacramental life of our parish family. It is an event for which we all (children, parents, catechists and pastoral staff) prepare. It is an event in which the whole parish participates and rejoices.

Holy Family Parish recognizes the obligation of and opportunity for **parents** to be the first and primary educators of their children (Declaration of Christian Education, Vatican II). We recognize **parents** as the foundation upon which Jesus builds His Church. We recognize that **families** build upon and continue the traditions of our Catholic heritage. To this end, the Sacramental Policy at Holy Family is as follows:

Baptism A program for expectant parents is held to remind parents of the opportunity and obligation they have as first and primary educators of their children in presenting them for baptism. Parents will share an adult dimension of their faith which is renewed in the Sacrament of Baptism for their children and lived out in the Christian community of Holy Family Parish.

Eucharist/Penance Continuous preparation takes place throughout the years in our Religious Education programs with special emphasis in second grade. Preparation also includes a mandatory meeting for parents which provides necessary information. **First Communion** is typically held in April.

These are Parish sponsored programs and mandatory involvement is necessary for preparation.