**INFORMATION on SACRAMENTS**

Baptism, Confession, Communion, Confirmation

2017 – 2018

**BAPTISM**

FOR:

1st to 8th grade

– If you have a child in 9th grade and over, he/she needs to attend RCIA

FORMATION:

1. Your child must consistently attend their grade level Religious Formation class throughout the 2017 – 2018 year
2. You MUST sign your child up for the free RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) class teaching about baptism on February 28th at 5:30pm. **Fill out the form below and return it with your child’s registration.**

WHEN:

If your child consistently attended Religious Formation classes throughout the 2017 – 2018 year and attended the RCIC baptism class, they will be baptized at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31st.

**FIRST CONFESSION and FIRST COMMUNION**

FOR:

2nd grade to 8th grade (children in 9th grade and over need to attend RCIA)

FORMATION:

1. If your child is in 2nd grade or 3rd grade and has not yet received their First Communion, they must attend the 2nd grade Religious Formation class throughout the 2017 – 2018 academic year. Indicate on your registration form that your child needs to make their first confession and first communion and return it with a copy of their baptismal certificate.
2. If your child is in 4th grade to 8th grade, in addition to attending their grade level Religious Formation class, you MUST sign your child up for the RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) classes teaching about confession on March 7th at 5:00pm and communion on March 14th at 5:00pm. **Fill out the form below and return it with your child’s registration and a copy of their baptismal certificate.**
3. If your 2nd grade child attends a Catholic school in the area (Huron Valley Catholic School or Spiritus Sanctus Academy), **you MUST fill out the form below and return it with a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate. They are exempt from attending Religious Formation classes at St. John’s for their prep.**

WHEN:

1. If your 2nd or 3rd grade child consistently attended the 2nd grade class, they will make their first communion on May 5th at St. John the Baptist at a special 10am Mass.
2. If your 4th – 8th grade child consistently attended Religious Formation classes and attended BOTH the confession and communion RCIC classes, they will make their first confession on Holy Thursday, March 29th at 7pm and their first communion at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31st.
3. If your child attended a Catholic school and you have provided St. John’s with a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate, your child will make their first communion on May 5th at St. John the Baptist at a special 10am Mass.

**CONFIRMATION (2-year program)**

FOR:

8th graders

* This is a 2 year program, beginning in 7th grade
* If you have an 8th grader who will be attending classes for the first time this year, they will need to attend the 7th grade Religious Formation class and receive the sacrament of confirmation at the end of the 2018 – 2019 year
* If you have a child in 9th grade and this is their first year taking classes, he/she needs to attend RCIA

FORMATION:

Your child must have consistently attended the 7th grade class in 2016 – 2017, and consistently attend the 8th grade confirmation class throughout 2017 – 2018 as well as complete the requirements, listed below, in order to receive the sacrament of confirmation. **Fill out the form below and return it with your child’s registration and a copy of their baptismal certificate.**

Requirements for confirmation:

* 1. Complete 10 hours of community service in both 7th and 8th grade
  2. Complete the Sponsor Discussion Sheet *(8th grade only)*
  3. Have sponsor submit his/her Sponsor Eligibility Form to the parish *(8th grade only)*
  4. Attend the Confirmation Retreat on April 14th from 9am – 5pm at St. John’s

*(8th grade only)*

* 1. Complete the Confirmation Interview *(8th grade only)*

WHEN:

If your child consistently attended both the 7th grade and the 8th grade confirmation classes for 2 years, the date of confirmation is unconfirmed but the mass will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Ann Arbor, MI. There is a mandatory rehearsal the night before at St. Thomas.

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**FORM for RCIC STUDENTS and CATHOLIC SCHOOL EXEMPTION STUDENTS**

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Child’s Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sacraments needed in the 2017 – 2018 year (check all that apply):**

☐ Baptism ☐ Confession ☐ Communion ☐ Confirmation

**Is your child doing formation at a Catholic school for First Confession/Communion?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

Parent’s Names: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Return this form **with a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate** to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church