

Registration and Tuition

There is no charge for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Prek/ Kindergarten is considered regular formation and there is a materials cost, so the regular tuition rates apply.

Good News! All registration is being done through our website at www.stjamesmason.org. You will also fill in medical information and permissions for photos and medication use. Payment is typically done online, either in full or partial payments. You may also drop tuition checks in the collection basket clearly marked "elementary formation".

Rates are as follows:

One student	\$75
Two students	\$135
Three or more	\$165

We have never turned anyone away from Faith Formation or ROCK who has had a desire to learn about and grow in our Catholic faith. If you need confidential assistance in paying for faith formation for your children, please call or write a letter to the director of faith formation explaining your needs. We do offer a Scrip program that can help you earn money towards your tuition. Please contact Alison Burch to find out more about this program.

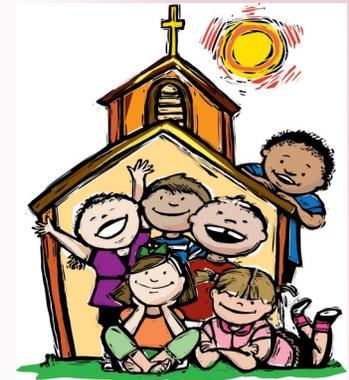


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*Preparation for
First Reconciliation
and
First Eucharist*

First Reconciliation

Children who are preparing for Reconciliation should be baptized (a copy of his or her baptismal certificate will be needed) and enrolled in religious education classes for at least one year before preparation begins. In accordance with the revised policy of the Diocese of Lansing (effective September 2005) and the Catechetical directory guidelines, a child should be participating in the sacrament of Reconciliation before First Eucharist.

Preparation usually begins when a child is in 2nd grade or around the age of age 7 and developmentally ready. The process involves regular attendance of faith formation sessions and **attending 2 parent/child or whole-family workshops, held on Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm in the fall.**

First Reconciliation usually occurs in early January, and is group celebration. We invite several priests from around the diocese to assist and have a dessert potluck after the celebration.



First Eucharist

Preparation typically begins around age 7, or when a child is in second grade. Your child will continue to attend faith formation sessions and will begin family enrichment workshops shortly before Christmas. The process of First Eucharist preparation is similar to that of First Reconciliation, with **2 parent/child or whole-family workshops to be held on Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm beginning g in January.**

Our parish families that have a child preparing for Eucharist can expect the following:

- * An Enrollment Blessing for the candidate for the sacrament during Mass.
- * Two or three family enrichment workshops.
- * A family resource guide to use at home.
- * An interview guide to help parents determine a child's readiness.
- * A rehearsal, along with dinner together.
- * A First Eucharist Mass with reserved family pews and a reception.
- * Certificates to commemorate this special milestone.

We Need You!

Sharing the Gift of Faith – Won't You Join Us?

Many Caring Volunteers are needed for our Children & Youth Programs.

The value of time and talent volunteers contribute to our Faith Formation Program is immeasurable. Whether you are available only occasionally for an hour, or weekly for a few weeks, please consider joining this wonderful group of ministers. Please remember that the most important requirements include love for children, a love of and commitment to your faith, and a desire to help others grow in theirs. Orientation is offered for all new volunteers, as well as on-going training.

Help is needed in various areas during sacramental preparation. Some parents choose to lead in the creation of a special banner or tablecloth. Some assist with snacks during the workshops or have technical skills for certain tasks. Please consider "pitching in" so we can offer the best possible experience for our little ones!



*A.S.A.P.
Always Say A Prayer*