

2023-2024 Sacrament Prep Information

In the Diocese of Greensburg, **all Sacraments are received in the home Parish**. First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are usually in 2nd grade (or above) and Confirmation is usually in 8th grade (or above).

There are two parts for sacrament prep: *faith formation and immediate prep for the sacrament(s)*.

For *faith formation*, your child must be enrolled in either a Catholic School or a Parish Faith Formation program for two years before receiving the sacraments. To receive First Holy Communion in 2nd grade, your child must attend Catholic School or a Parish Faith Formation program in 1st and 2nd grade. To receive Confirmation in 8th grade, your child must attend Catholic School or a Parish Faith Formation program in 7th and 8th grade.

The *immediate preparation for the sacrament(s)* takes place in the home parish, even if the child/youth attends Catholic School.

Immediate Preparation for First Reconciliation at St. Regis

1. *Blessed First Reconciliation* program (to be done at home)
2. First Reconciliation Workshop, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 28th.

This year, sacrament prep for First Reconciliation will mostly be done at home. At the parent/student meeting in the summer between 1st and 2nd grades, you will be given the book: *Blessed First Reconciliation*. There are six lessons to complete and a worksheet to turn in at the First Reconciliation Workshop.

Those entering 2nd grade who are eligible to receive First Holy Communion will be sent a packet in the mail over the summer between 1st and 2nd grades. If you do not receive the packet by the end of July, please contact the Office of Faith Formation.

Immediate Preparation for First Holy Communion at St. Regis

1. *Blessed First Communion* program (to be done at home)
2. First Holy Communion Retreat, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 11th here at St. Regis.

This year, sacrament prep for First Holy Communion will mostly be done at home. At First Reconciliation, you will be given the book: *Blessed First Communion*. There are six lessons to complete and a worksheet to turn in at the First Holy Communion Retreat.

Immediate Preparation for Confirmation at St. Regis

The Diocese of Greensburg is changing Confirmation this year. I do not have any information from them yet. This may change when I hear from them.

First year prep (usually 7th grade)

1. Attend First Year Confirmation Prep Workshop tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 12th.

Second year prep (usually 8th grade)

1. Attend Second Year Confirmation Prep Workshop tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 26th.
2. Attend a Diocesan Confirmation Retreat – TBD by Diocese
3. Meet the Bishop – Sunday, January 28 from 3pm to 5:30pm at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Greensburg

Those entering 8th grade who are eligible to receive Confirmation will be sent a Confirmation packet in the mail over the summer between 7th and 8th grades (hopefully by the end of July but it might be a little later depending on when we hear from the Diocese). If you do not receive the Confirmation packet by the start of 8th grade, please contact the Office of Faith Formation.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-372-4577 x 208 or kmcdade@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

2023-2024 Home School Information

This year we will be changing Faith Formation Home Schooling to the *Christ in Us* program. Next year we will be changing our in-class program to *Christ in Us* as well so it will be easier to switch between in-class and home schooling.

This program has an online portal for students and parents. The students will need to log in to the portal to see their assignments for the month. They will be assigned two or three chapters each month and will need to pass the online assessment for each of those chapters.

Students will need to complete work every month from September through April (you cannot wait to the end of the year and complete the whole year at one time any more).

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Faith Formation.