# Student-Parent Handbook



2022-2023 Season

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we reach the end of our first full in-person season following the Covid-19 shutdown, I wish to extend my thanks to you all for your cooperation in this time of transition. As your family now prepares for the Summer, we offer an eye to next year's season in Faith Formation since Registration for 2022-2023 opens on May 15.

There are many new things on the horizon for Faith Formation in our parish in 2022-2023. First among these are the significant changes made to our calendar. As you'll discover, we have limited the number of consecutive on-site sessions to three-in-a-row, interspersing the year with home lesson assignments and five liturgies to attend on Wednesday evenings in our beautiful Church. We will begin and end the year with our focus on Jesus in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Faith, by celebrating Mass together with all our families!

New for this year is an alternative formation program for children in grades 3-6 meeting twice a month on Sundays from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Known as F.I.R.E. (Family Intergenerational Religious Education), this program is an alternative to the traditional Wednesday afternoon/evening program. It will begin with fellowship and prayer followed by a split session-one geared for the adults and one tailored for the children. The program ends with a joint activity shared between parents and children. Attendance at the five 5:15 p.m. Wednesday evening Family liturgies scattered throughout the year are also part of this program. Contact Dr. Alex for more information on this exciting new option!

We wish you a happy, healthy, and rejuvenating Summer and look forward to seeing you at our regular weekend liturgies during this time. Lastly, please be assured of the ongoing prayerful support and interest of all within the Parish Staff.

Sincerely,

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# **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Office of Faith Formation is to inspire our parish community to live a life cultivated in relationship with Jesus Christ and firmly rooted in the values and teachings of the Gospels, a life strong in faith, joyful in hope, and active in charity.

#### **Vision Statement**

Our vision is to nurture and perpetuate a Gospel-centered, loving, caring, faithful community that bears witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ through active participation in liturgical celebrations, stewardship, Catholic education, and evangelization.

## **Role of Parents in Faith Formation**

As mentioned earlier, your child's' Faith Formation is a "team effort", including parents and catechists. The following are some guidelines for both to follow –

Parents support the formation of their child through:

- Attend weekly Celebration of the Eucharist with their children. Mass times at OLSS are Saturday: 5:00 and Sunday: 7:30am; 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm.
- Pray daily with your child.
- Ensure that children attend Faith Formation class regularly.
- Ensure that children are prepared for class by completing assignments and by bringing their textbook to class each week.
- Communicate special needs or significant changes that effect your child or family to the DRE.
- Be an active participant in your child's faith formation review and talk about lessons with your child and review any homework assignments.

#### **Role of Catechists in Faith Formation**

- Be a Christian role model.
- Communicate regularly with and involve the parents/guardians in the faith development of their children.
- Prepare and teach approved curriculum, supplementing lessons with fun, interesting activities using resources available per grade level.
- Provide a loving, Christian atmosphere within the learning environment so that the children will be able to grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with Our Lord.
- Be willing to sign-up for professional growth opportunities to further their knowledge of our Faith and Traditions, and to share this knowledge with our students.

# **Registration Information**

Registration is offered to children aged 5 who are entering Kindergarten through the Eighth Grade.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR: All registrations are now online! You can also pay the registration fees online (see below)

#### FOR ALL RETURNING FAMILIES:

Website: <u>olsspvb.org/childrens-religious-education/</u> Complete electronic forms – *Returning Families* Complete Payment

#### FOR ALL NEW FAMILIES:

Register with the Parish at: <a href="https://bit.ly/3cstfro">https://bit.ly/3cstfro</a>
Website: <a href="https://bit.ly/3cstfro">olsspvb.org/childrens-religious-education/</a>

Complete electronic forms – New Families

Complete Payment

Send in Baptismal Certificate (imperative), other sacrament certificates and, if applicable, a letter of transfer from a previous parish attn: Office of Faith Formation

#### Fees:

The fee for Faith Formation is \$50.00 for one child and \$25.00 for each additional child. Registration for Faith Formation will begin on May 18, 2022. A late fee of \$25.00 per returning family will go into effect on August 1, 2022.

You can pay online at the end of your electronic registration process.

# **Class Options**

OPTION #1 CHILDREN ONLY: Wednesdays Kindergarten through Eighth Grade 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

OPTION #2 CHILDREN ONLY: Wednesdays Kindergarten through Eighth Grade 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

#### **NEW FOR THIS YEAR:**

OPTION #3 PARENTS <u>& CHILDREN: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAYS, September 2022 – June 2023 <u>GRADES</u> <u>3-6 ONLY</u> 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm</u>

- o Parents may select the time they wish their child/children to attend class.
- Assignments to class are on a first come, first served basis. Once a class has reached a
  maximum capacity of 22 students, any other students wishing that time slot will be
  placed in an alternate session.
- You will be notified which class/time your child has been assigned. If the class time you
  requested is at capacity when you return your paperwork, you will be notified as soon
  as possible that it is no longer available.

## Curriculum

- Kindergarten through Eighth Grade Text "Christ In Us" by W. H. Sadlier Inc.
- Eighth Grade Sacramental Supplement Text by W.H. Sadlier Inc.
- Intergenerational Materials curated from multiple sources including W.H. Sadlier Inc.

#### **Sacraments**

As per diocesan policy, students are required to be enrolled in Faith Formation for two years prior to celebrating a Sacrament. (For example: students preparing for Reconciliation and Eucharist must have completed Grade One and be enrolled in Grade Two; students preparing for Confirmation must have completed Grade Seven and be enrolled in Grade Eight. Exceptions to these requirements would need to be discussed with the Director of Faith Formation and the Pastoral Associate.

IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR 2022-23: For sacramental preparation years (grades 1,2, 7, and 8): Missing more than four classes (roughly 12.5% of the entire years' worth of curriculum) and without a professional's note will result in either a repeat of the same grade level or a delay in reception of the sacrament by a year, requiring dual enrollment in both a regular faith formation class and eight separate early Sunday afternoon sacramental preparation classes scheduled throughout the *following* year. Any absence must still be made up via the catechist's assignment and submitted online via the Christinus Sadlier portal.

If your child is ill and unable to attend class, please notify the Faith Formation Office at 904-567-1960 or at the following email address, <a href="mailto:dre@olsspvb.org">dre@olsspvb.org</a>. Please refer to the provided calendars to keep up with the schedule of lessons.

# **Special Sacramental Preparation Classes**

This program is for children who intend to receive sacraments in 2023 but are in advanced grades (3-8). It is a concurrent enrollment, meaning if your child is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and needs to receive Reconciliation and Eucharist, they attend 4<sup>th</sup> grade on Wednesday (or Intergenerational on Sunday) as well as 8 special 1 hour classes on Sundays from 12:15pm-1:15pm This program also provides instruction for children catechumens (those who will be baptized and fully initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil on April 8, 2023). See the calendar section for all the dates and more information.

# **Important Sacrament Dates:**

#### **SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST - Grade 2**

- A Reconciliation Retreat for Second Grade Students and at least one parent will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022 beginning with 8:30 Mass and ending at 12:30 pm.
   Failure to attend this retreat will necessitate you finding another parish to participate in their retreat. The retreat experience is mandatory and is a requirement of the Diocese.
- A Eucharist Retreat for Second Grade Students and at least one parent will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2023 beginning with 8:30 Mass and ending at 12:30 pm. F These dates and times are posted a year in advance so that you may plan accordingly. If, for some reason, you encounter a schedule conflict that cannot be ameliorated, you will be responsible for having to find a retreat experience at an alternate parish before the celebration of the sacrament at our parish. The sooner you make these arrangements, the better. Please contact the Director of Faith Formation in the event you find yourself in this situation. Failure to attend this retreat will necessitate you finding another parish to participate in their retreat. The retreat experience is mandatory and is a requirement of the Diocese.
- **First Holy Communions** will take place during the four Sundays of the month of May 2023 at the 9am, 11am, and 5pm Masses. Stay tuned for announcement in January 2023 regarding selection of dates and times.

#### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – Grade 8**

- A Confirmation Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022 (7:15p 8:00p) or Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022 (1p-2p). Attendance at one of these two meeting times is mandatory for parents. At this meeting, the entire packet of forms and materials necessary to complete the process of Confirmation will be explained. Students may attend. Q & A at end.
- Confirmation Retreat on Saturday April 22, 2023 (10a 4p) is mandatory for students only. These dates and times are posted a year in advance so that you may plan accordingly. If, for some reason, you encounter a schedule conflict that cannot be ameliorated, you will be responsible for having to find a retreat experience at an alternate parish before the celebration of the sacrament at our parish.
- Confirmation Rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, May TBA, 2023, at 6:00 pm.
- Confirmation Mass will be held on Thursday, May TBA, 2023, at 5:15 pm.
- Service Hours: Confirmation Candidates are required to complete a minimum of 30 service/stewardship hours over a two-year period. Our students begin volunteering in their faith community and their residential community at the end of their Faith Formation for 6th grade class, allowing two school years to complete the 30-hour requirement. Information will be sent home later and is also available outside the 8th grade classroom. The deadline for eighth graders to submit their service hours is April 26, 2023.

# **Before** Coming to Faith Formation Each Week

For various and sundry reasons at various points during the year, your child's class may have a last minute reminder or even a notification of cancellation. The entire program might even be shut down for the week at a moment's notice. Under normal circumstances, we will attempt to reach you by phone with the notification. However, our primary communication medium to reach all of you most efficiently is via email.

It is therefore imperative you keep your email current with us <u>and check it before you head to</u> <u>Faith Formation each week</u>.

# **Arrival Policy**

We encourage children to be *on time* for the beginning of class, but *no earlier than 5 minutes* prior to the start of their session. Habitually arriving late is a source of distraction that is discourteous to the volunteers and the other children.

Children in grades K-2 should be walked to their classroom. Please be sure the Catechist is present before leaving your child.

Children in grades 3-8 parents are welcome to walk their child to class. If you choose, you may drop your older child off once they are comfortable doing so.

Classes for students in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade are held in the Palmer Catholic Academy Preschool Building located on the church grounds.

Classes for Fifth through Eighth Grades are held in the Browning Center on the Church grounds directly next to the Preschool.

# **Dismissal Policy/Sign Out**

We require all registered students to be signed out from their classroom by an authorized adult/guardian. Please complete the enclosed "Authorization for Pick-Up" Form that is in the attached forms file. Please list all the adults that you wish to pick up your children from class, their relationship to your child and their phone number. Adults not known to the Catechist or Staff will be asked for a photo I.D. Students who are not picked up in a timely manner will be brought to the Faith Formation Office (located in the Browning Center) to wait for their parent or guardian for sign out. If you need to add or eliminate names from this form throughout the year, please either stop by our office during Formation or send the director an email requesting the change. Please allow two weeks for changes in data to be processed.

Please be on-time for pick-up. We all have busy schedules – including our wonderful volunteers! They did not sign-up for "babysitting." Consideration and courtesy are expected from participants in a religious education program, so timeliness is important.

# **Early Sign Out**

We understand that on occasion, it may be necessary to sign your children out before classes normally end. In an emergency, this is done by entering our Faith Formation Office door located in the parking lot facing the South side of the church. If you know in advance that you will be pulling your child(ren) out early, please notify Dr. Alex in advance via email: <a href="mailto:dre@olsspvb.org">dre@olsspvb.org</a>. In either scenario, <a href="mailto:effective this year">effective this year</a>, <a href="mailto:children">children</a> are signed out of classes at the Faith Formation Office. We will collect your child(ren) for you while you remain in the office.

# **Attendance Policy**

The aspects of Faith Formation that share much in common with general education are centered around the art of teaching and the gift of learning. Concepts such as Creation, the Blessed Trinity, and Sacraments (especially the Eucharist), are conveyed in a scope and sequence that builds upon prior knowledge. This is why it is so vitally important for you to have your children enrolled in our program year after year.

In order for your child to stay on top of the materials and gain the most from his or her formation experiences over time, you are encouraged to follow the accompanying weekly calendar and utilize the online portal of our curriculum if your child misses a session. Even if they do not have their book with them, the online portal provides access to their book and its accompanying activities. Excessive absences may result in considering having your child repeat the grade level.

Please make every effort in your power to schedule any extracurricular activities, such as sports, dance, or gymnastics, etc. after class or on a different day.

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If your child is ill and unable to attend class, please notify the Faith Formation Office at 904-567-1960 or at the following email address, <a href="mailto:dre@olsspvb.org">dre@olsspvb.org</a>. Use the provided Calendar for keeping on track with Wednesday lessons.

#### **RETREAT ATTENDANCE:**

- Attendance at 2<sup>nd</sup> grade retreats (one in the Fall and one in the Winter/Spring) is mandatory for both parents and children.
- Attendance at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Parent meeting in the Fall is mandatory for parents; attendance at the Confirmation Retreat is mandatory for students. These dates and times are posted a year in advance so that you may plan accordingly. If, for some reason, you encounter a schedule conflict that cannot be ameliorated, you will be responsible for having to find a retreat experience at an alternate parish before the celebration of the sacrament at our parish. The sooner you make these arrangements, the better. Please contact the Director of Faith Formation in the event you find yourself in this situation.

# Communication

# **Primacy of Email**

The Faith Formation Program prefers to contact families whenever possible by **email** since it is most efficient and can be done quickly by one person. When necessary, we will contact you by phone or through the US Postal Service. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS BEFORE COMING TO FAITH FORMATION EACH WEEK!** 

## **Class Cancellation Emergency Notification**

In the event of a HURRICANE *or* TORNADO WATCH, WARNING, OR EVACUATION for the Ponte Vedra Area, classes will be cancelled. **The cancellation will be <u>emailed</u> to families**. If there is time, it will also be posted on the parish website and recorded on the Faith Formation voicemail. **Again, please check your email before heading to classes.** Once the determination has been made – even if the weather changes favorably – the decision is final. As always, parents, use your best judgment on whether to bring your child to class if you are concerned about the weather.

Along the same lines, occasions arise when catechists have to cancel last minute and we don't have enough substitute teachers to cover the class. This will necessitate cancelling the class and assigning an at-home assignment. In the event this occurs, we will email you and, if possible, call you. In any event, please check your email before heading to classes!

#### Medication

Faith Formation Staff and Catechists may not distribute medication of any kind to students. If your child is ill or has a fever, please do not send them to class. Children who appear ill after arriving to class will be brought to the office and the parent will be called to pick them up. If your child takes afternoon medications, please be sure these have been administered prior to Faith Formation sessions.

# **Special Needs Students**

At Our Lady Star of the Sea, students with special needs are mainstreamed in the Program. Please keep in mind that the majority of our volunteers are not trained in various student exceptionalities, training only specifically certified ESE teachers are versed in.

Parents are therefore asked to identify their child's special needs to the Director and the child's Catechist. The parents, Director and Catechist will work out a plan that best fits the child's

needs, and these must also be balanced with the needs of his or her classmates. If teaching and learning become untenable in the classroom as a result of severe emotional or behavioral pathologies, home school options will be offered for families.

# **Stewardship & Service**

Stewardship is the giving of one's time, talent, and treasure to build up God's kingdom here on earth. To each of us has been entrusted a unique set of gifts; it is incumbent upon each of us to unpack those gifts and put them into the service of others.

In the public ministry of Jesus, we have the perfect example of what it means to serve. In fact, by the very nature of our baptismal dignity, we are called to follow the example of Christ. We are anointed priest, prophet, and king at our baptism. All of these roles require of us to serve our community, not just to garner service hours for Confirmation, but to live most fully our baptismal dignity (BTW, see page 8 for Confirmation Service Hour requirements). Our Lady Star of the Sea parish promotes service to others. To this end, we supply children's envelopes at the beginning of the year so that the children learn the importance of being a good steward. Please have the children record their good deeds and deposit these in the offertory basket. We encourage our catechists and our families to get the children entrusted in our care to become more involved in the welfare of the people of our greater community (Diocese, nation, and the universal Church) as much as our local community (Ponte Vedra Beach, OLSS).

## **Classroom Behavior**

Occasionally a student disrupts class by his/her behavior. Disruptive behavior is not fair to the Catechist or to other students who are there to learn and grow in their faith. If a child is disruptive, he/she will be reminded of expected behavior and the consequences of misbehavior. If the behavior continues, they will be moved within the classroom to a less disruptive area. If inappropriate behavior continues a third time, the child will be brought to the Faith Formation Office and will be interviewed by the Director of Faith Formation. He or she will spend the remainder of class composing a written apology to their catechist and classmates that is delivered by the offending student the following week. This usually ends the cycle. If, however, behaviors continue, your son or daughter will be removed from the class and sent home for home-study for a period to be determined. Failure to rectify disruptive behavior will result in dismissal from the program for the year.

#### **Cell phones:**

Students are not to use their cell phones during class time. All phones are to be put on silent so as not to interrupt the class. Phones used during class time in any way, (texting, reading texts & gaming, etc.) will be taken from the student and returned to their parent/guardian at the end of class. This policy will be strictly adhered to.

# **Code of Conduct for Faith Formation Students**

Parents, please read and discuss the following Code of Conduct for Faith Formation Students with the child/children you are enrolling prior to signing the 2022/2023 Parent/Guardian & Student Acknowledgement Form.

The basic premise of this code of Conduct for Children and Youth is that all humanity functions at its best when behaviors and expectations are clearly outlined. Young people need to be made aware of correct and incorrect behaviors as well as the consequences associated with them. Forming good moral consciences in children and youth is a primary role of the family with support and guidance from the local Church community. This code is used in conjunction with existing local or diocesan policies, protocols or other codes and IS intended to supplement them.

#### **Student Expectations:**

- Attend weekly Mass.
- Christian behavior is always expected.
- Complete class assignments weekly.
- Bring your Faith Formation textbook to class each week.
- Attend class on a regular basis and complete all homework assignments.
- Respect for individuals, the community, and facilities being used are required.
- Dress must be in accord with the activity and appropriate for a Christian environment.
- For the safety of students, students should not wear flip flops to class.
- No skating or skateboarding on church property.
- Do not bring friends or relatives who are not registered in our Faith Formation Program to class with you.
- Co-operation and self-control are necessary when participating in programs and activities.

Unacceptable behavior and lack of cooperation will not be tolerated and will be addressed appropriately. Examples of unacceptable behavior are as follows, though not limited to:

- Disrespect for adults and peers —this includes constant interrupting, speaking out of turn, disturbing others at work or in an activity, attempting to re-direct classroom instruction
- Use of vulgar language, gestures and use of racial slurs
- Damaging of property including purposefully scuffing floors with athletic shoes and messing up bathrooms.
- Fighting or intent to injure others.
- Cheating
- Do not touch another student or an adult.
- Possession of weapons, possession and or use of alcohol or drugs are forbidden.
- No Bullying. No child or youth has the right to treat another in any manner that will cause physical or emotional pain. Therefore, harassment of any kind is viewed as unchristian and therefore unacceptable.
- Coercion or threats to do something physically hurtful or for the purposes of ruining another's reputation or good standing is unacceptable behavior.
- Food and drink are not allowed in either building during Faith Formation. Snacks and drinks must be consumed in your vehicle prior to entering the building.
- Cell phones, tablets, and any other electronic equipment should be placed on silent for Faith Formation Class and not used by students during class. These items will be confiscated and returned to the parents directly at the end of class.

Each child that is being registered into the 2022/2023 Faith Formation Program is required to read and to understand and sign the **Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form**. At least one parent is required to sign-off on the Code of Conduct Acknowledgement. Students will sign these in their classrooms at some point during the first few sessions.

# Official Faith Formation Calendars 2022-2023 Traditional Wednesday Program 4:30 pm & 6 pm (rev. 8/23/22)

wed. August 24 Parent Meeting 6pm (Cultural Center)

		MORNING OF REFLECTION 12:15-2:15 Planning, Lunch
August 31	Week 1 Eve	ning Prayer 5:15 in CHURCH (Lesson 1 HOME assigned)
September 7	Week 2	Lesson 2
September 14	Week 3	Lesson 3
September 21	Week 4	Lesson 4
September 28		NO CLASS
October 5	Week 5	NO IN-PERSON CLASS-Lesson 5 HOME assigned CATECHIST MTG. 5:15pm
October 12	Week 6	Lesson 6
October 19	Week 7	Lesson 7
October 26	Week 8	Lesson 8
November 2	Week 9	(NO IN-PERSON CLASS-Lesson 9 HOME assigned
November 9	Week 10	Lesson 10
November 16	Week 11	Lesson 11
November 23	<b>NO CLASS</b> -	Thanksgiving Week
November 30	Week 12	Lesson 12 (Advent Penitential Svc. in Church)
December 7	Week 13	Lesson 13
December 14	Week 14	Lesson 14
Wednesday, De	cember 21st Ad	dvent Prayer Service in Cultural Center 5:15 pmCATECHIST MTG. 6:15pm
December 28	NO CLASS -	The contract of the contract o
January 4	Week 15	(NO IN-PERSON CLASS- <mark>Lesson 15 HOME assigned</mark> )
January 11		Lesson 16
January 18		Lesson 17
January 25	Week 18	Lesson 18
February 1	Week 19	(NO IN-PERSON CLASS- <mark>Lesson 19 HOME assigned</mark> )
February 8	Week 20	Lesson 20
February 15	Week 21	Lesson 21
		tions of the Cross; Ashes - beginning in Cultural Center 5:15 pm <mark>Lesson 22 номе</mark> сат. мтб.6:15pi
March 1	Week 23	Lesson 23
March 8	NO CLASS -	
March 15	NO CLASS -	Spring Break
March 22	Week 24	Lesson 24
March 29	Week 25	Lesson 25
April 5	Week 26	(NO IN-PERSON CLASS — Holy Week Lesson 26 HOME assigned
		ter Pr. Svc in Church 5:15 pm-Lesson 27 assigned) САТЕСНІSТ МТG. 6:15pm
April 19	Week 28	Lesson 28
April 26	Week 29	Lesson 29
May 3	Week 30	Lesson 30
Wednesday, N	May 10 <sup>th</sup> Clos	sing Family Prayer in Church 5:15pm <mark>сатеснізт мт . 6:15pm</mark>

# F.I.R.E. (Family Intergenerational Religious Education) (Grades 3-6): (Cultural Center/Sundays/1:30 pm - 3:30 pm)

## Wednesday August 24th Parent Meeting 6pm Cultural Center

Wednesday, August 31st Evening Prayer in Church 5:15 pm

**Sunday, September 4** - 1:30-3:30

Sunday, September 18 - 1:30-3:30

Sunday, October 2 - 1:30-3:30

Sunday, October 16 - 1:30-3:30

**Sunday, November 6** - 1:30-3:30

Sunday, November 20 - 1:30-3:30

Sunday, December 4 - 1:30-3:30

Sunday, December 18 - 1:30-3:30

Wednesday, December 21st Advent Prayer Service in Cultural Center 5:15 pm

**Sunday, January 8 - 1:30-3:30** 

Sunday, January 22 - 1:30-3:30

**Sunday, February 5** - 1:30-3:30

**Sunday, February 19 - 1:30-3:30** 

Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> Stations of the Cross; Ashes - beginning in Cultural Center 5:15 pm

**Sunday, March 12** - 1:30-3:30

**Sunday, March 26 - 1:30-3:30** 

**Sunday, April 2** - 1:30-3:30

Wednesday, April 12th Easter Prayer Service in Church 5:15 pm

**Sunday, April 16** - 1:30-3:30

Wednesday, May 10th Closing Family Prayer in Church 5:15pm

# Special Circumstances Sacramental Preparation (Browning Center Rooms 1 & 2 /Sundays/12:15 pm - 1:15 pm)

This program is for children who intend to receive sacraments in 2023 but are in advanced grades (3-8). This program also provides instruction for children catechumens (those who will be baptized and fully initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil on April 8, 2023).

#### **Reconciliation Preparation**

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Saturday, October 29, 2022 Reconciliation Retreat (Mass @ 8:30am; Cultural Center till 12:30pm) Parent attendance required

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Sunday, November 13, 2022

#### **First Eucharist Preparation**

Sunday, **January 15, 2023** 

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Saturday, March 4, 2023 Eucharist Retreat (Mass @ 8:30am; Cultural Center till 12:30pm) Parent attendance require

# **Important Sacramental Dates for All**

- \* Saturday, October 29, 2022- Penance Retreat 2nd Grade from 8:30 am -12:30 pm
- \* First Reconciliation window: October 30-January 18, 2023 (verifications due to FFM on 1/18/23)
- \* Wednesday, November 9, 2022 7:15-8pm OR Sunday, November 20, 2022 12:15-1pm Mandatory Confirmation Parent Mtg.
- \* Saturday, March 4, 2023 Eucharist Retreat 2nd Grade from 8:30 am 12:30 pm
- \* Saturday, April 22, 2023 Confirmation Retreat 8th Grade from 10:00 am -4:00 pm
- \* Sundays 9am, 11am & 5pm Masses of May 7,14,21,28 : First Communions
- \* Monday, May 8, 2023: CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL 6pm beginning in Cultural Center
- \* Thursday, May 11, 2023: CONFIRMATION 5:15pm Sponsors &. Candidates in Clut. Ctr. 6pm Mass in church

