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CELEBRATION OF  
*Sacraments*  
for Children



## Baptism

The celebration of infant Baptism is available after parents have attended a one-on-one session with the pastor. The celebration for older children is available after appropriate catechesis for child and parents.

## First Eucharist

Candidates for First Eucharist must complete at least one year of formal faith formation before First Eucharist preparation may begin. Candidates are expected to participate regularly with their parents in weekly worship at the parish.

### **Eucharist preparation involves:**

- Parent catechesis session
- Providing a newly issued Baptismal certificate
- Participation in the enrollment ceremony
- Parent preparation of candidates
- Participation in Rehearsal and Review prior to the scheduled celebration

## Reconciliation

Reconciliation may be celebrated in grade 2 or later. Traditionally at SJF, fourth graders are invited to prepare for this sacrament. All children must participate by the end of sixth grade.

### **Reconciliation preparation involves:**

- Parent catechesis session
- Parent preparation of candidates

## Confirmation

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation must complete 7th and 8th grade Faith Formation as part of Confirmation preparation. Candidates are expected to participate regularly with their parents in weekly worship at the parish.

### **Confirmation preparation involves:**

- Parent and Candidate session
- Providing a newly-issued baptismal certificate
- Providing sponsor name and Confirmation name
- Service activities within and beyond the parish, including service to the less fortunate
- Participation in 2 sessions held at the parish includes:
  - ◆ Reconciliation Service
  - ◆ Participation in the Called to Serve Program mandated by the Archdiocese of Detroit
- A day long workshop and retreat held at St. John Fisher
- A letter of intent written and delivered by the candidate to the pastor at the appointed time
- Individual interviews with each Confirmation candidate by a member of the Faith Formation staff
- Participation in rehearsal for the Sacrament of Confirmation