

Faith Formation at Sacramental Preparation at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

The Roman Catholic Sacraments are sacred, visible rites instituted by Christ that are signs of God's grace. Of the seven Sacraments, three are a part of the BSCC faith formation program – preparation for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. To receive these Sacraments at BSCC:

1. The child's family must be registered parishioners.
2. The child must have been Baptized in a Roman Catholic Church.
3. The family must attend Mass actively, as verified by the Church, for two years.
4. The child must be in a religion education/faith formation program for two years.
5. The family must register the child in the BSCC faith formation program.

Both **First Communion** and **Confirmation** preparation programs take **two years each** to complete. Regular class grade levels are as follows:

First Communion Year 1: 1st grade

First Communion Year 2: 2nd grade

Confirmation Year 1: 7th grade

Confirmation Year 2: 8th grade

If a family joins BSCC during year 2 (Second or Eighth Grade):

They must provide letter from their Pastor verifying that they have been active members for **1 full year and participated in a faith formation program**. They only need to provide this letter and/or documentation with the Sacramental Prep enrollment form—before the school year starts*.

If the family **has not been active** parishioners at a Catholic parish during the past year, or if the student did not complete Faith Formation Year 1 (or an equivalent program) last year at another Catholic school or parish, the family should contact the parish office to schedule a meeting. This meeting will help determine the next steps and create the best formation plan to prepare the child to receive the sacrament next school year.

For Students Outside of Standard Grade Levels.

We understand that sometimes children may be at different stages in receiving their sacraments. If your child has **not been baptized or is in a grade higher than 2nd and has not yet received First Communion**, our parish is here to help your family get back on track so your child can fully participate in the life of the Church and continue to grow in faith. If you are interested, we invite you to contact the parish office to start the process.