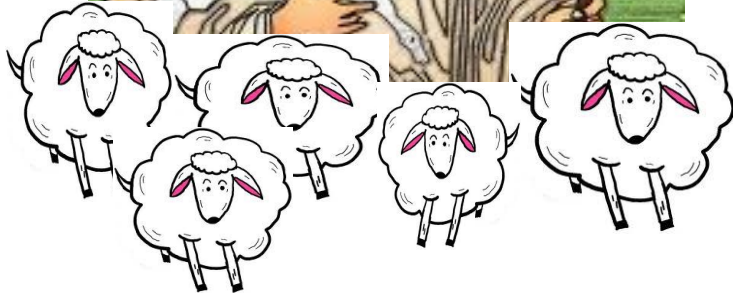


Some ideas to help prepare your child for these sacraments...

- ✠ Your child will receive a Prayer/Mass Book. Spend time before bed learning and praying the prayers together
- ✠ Read the Gospel stories with your child
- ✠ Encourage your child to bring the Mass book to church so he/she can learn about the liturgy and follow along
- ✠ Talk about the readings on your way home from Liturgy
- ✠ Be sure to come to Liturgy every weekend!
- ✠ Practice forgiveness—never go to bed angry with your child and/or spouse
- ✠ Recognize the good deeds your child does for others
- ✠ Make a special meal together
- ✠ Attend GIFT!
- ✠ Bless each other at the end of the day



Sacrament Preparation 2014-2015 Calendar and Responsibilities



Welcome to a wonderful year of preparing for the Sacraments of
Reconciliation and Eucharist!

The reception of these two sacraments are a special step deeper into
the **Flock of our Lord—the Body of Christ—**

for both you and your child. I do hope that this journey to these sacramental experiences will bear fruit for the faith life of your entire household. The following are some things to know regarding this year of preparation:

- ✠ Sacrament Prep sessions take place on Sunday Mornings from 9:00am to 10:15 am (*the exceptions are the Retreat Days*)
- ✠ We ask that Mom or Dad (both if possible) attend with your child
- ✠ You will be with your child the entire time except for the **September 21, 2014, Orientation session**
- ✠ We will provide a light breakfast for you—coffee, juice, granola bars, and a baked good.
- ✠ Do you have other children that need childcare during these sessions? We would like to provide this service, however, we need to know how many children will need care. Child care is contingent upon our ability to find volunteers to do so.
- ✠ GIFT is our primary religious formation at Lourdes—please be sure you have registered. The GIFT Registration form is also the registration form for Sacrament Prep. The fee is stated on the GIFT form. Please return this form to the Parish Office **NO LATER than SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2014.**
- ✠ Please contact me, Steve Szymanski, at 414-545-4316 x27 or at szymanskis@archmil.org with any questions.

Blessings on the journey!



Reconciliation

*The Sacrament in which God restores
broken and wounded relationships
To reunite, to come together, to make peace,
to live as the Flock of the Lord*

All sessions take place in Hall C unless otherwise indicated

Sunday, September 21, 2014 [Sacrament Orientation]
Reconciliation session#1
Parents and children
9:00 am-10:15 am

Sunday, October 26, 2014 [Choices/Rules]
Reconciliation session#2
Parents and children
9:00 am-10:15 am



Sunday, November 16, 2014
[Making Peace/Know the Sacrament]
Reconciliation session#3
Parents and children
9:00 am-10:15 am

Saturday, December 6, 2014 [Please Meet in Church]
Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:00 am-12:00 pm
*Parents, children, and family members who have received
this sacrament previously are welcome to receive this day*

*"A Little boy was telling his aunt about his first communion and
everything that would lead up to it. 'There is this other thing first,'
he said, but then he drew a blank. 'It's called...it's called...it's called
First Relaxation!'" Barbara Quinn*

Eucharist

*Jesus, the Bread of Life, the Cup of Love
Thanking, Remembering, Becoming, Serving
The Body of Christ*

Sunday, January 18, 2015
Eucharist Session #1 [Jesus in the Word]
Parents and children
9:00 am-10:15 am

Sunday, February 8, 2015
Eucharist Session #2 [Bread Stories/Liturgy]
Parents and children
9:00 am-10:15 am



Sunday, March 15, 2015
Eucharist Session #3 [Really With Us]
Parents and children
9:00 am-10:15 am

Saturday, March 28, 2015 [Please Meet in Church]
Eucharist Retreat Day & Potluck Lunch
Parents and children
9:00 am-12:30 pm

SATURDAY, April 25, 2015 [Please Meet in Church]
First Eucharist Rehearsal
Parents and children
10:00 am & 11:00 am

Saturday/Sunday, May 2/3, 2015
Celebration of First Eucharist
5:00 pm, 10:30 am

*"Christ is present in the Eucharist
In the gathered assembly as they pray and sing
In the Word of Sacred Scripture,
In the person of the minister,
And above all,
In the Eucharistic elements of bread and wine." [SC7]*