

Greetings from the Office of Faith Formation at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Community!

I am writing to you today because you have a child who will be in the second grade this fall. ***Typically, we prepare our children for the Sacrament of Eucharist in the second grade.***

**The Archdiocese of Milwaukee requires
that all children who wish to prepare for a sacrament
must have actively participated in a Faith Formation program
the year of and the year prior to receiving the sacrament.**

What does that mean at Our Lady of Lourdes?

If your child and you have faithfully attended our GIFT program* when your child was in first grade, then he/she is invited to join us in *Sacrament Preparation* this upcoming Fall 2021 and Spring 2022.

If you have not been a part of this program (or a program at another parish or in a Catholic school) then we invite you to join us for GIFT this year. Your child would then participate in *Sacrament Preparation* in the THIRD Grade.

In addition to the Sacrament Preparation meetings, regular attendance and participation is required in the GIFT program.

Peace & God Bless You,

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*GIFT—Generations in Faith Together is our Formation Program. It is an intergenerational program that meets 12 times between September and May. Each session includes an all-ages activity, and age appropriate learning for the children and adults. This program includes children through senior citizens and has proved to be a rich way of passing on the faith.