



## Sacramental Preparation

Preparation for the sacraments requires that children have attended two consecutive years of prior faith formation before receiving a sacrament, either in a Catholic school or a parish faith formation program. That means in order to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist in 3rd grade, the student would need to attend 1st and 2nd grade. Likewise, to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in 8th grade, the student would need to attend 6th and 7th. Diocesan Guidelines require all students of the sacraments be taught by certified Catechists.

St. James Faith Formation program celebrates the sacraments as follows:

- Sacrament of Reconciliation - 3rd grade (1st semester)
- Sacrament of Eucharist - 3rd grade (2nd semester)
- Sacrament of Confirmation - 8th grade (second semester)

Sacrament sessions will be incorporated into the regular class time chosen. **Sacramental preparation is a special time and should be given the time and emphasis that it deserves.**

NOTE: If your child has not received the sacraments at the appropriate time (Baptism before 7 years of age, Reconciliation & Eucharist in 3rd and Confirmation in 8th), please call the director, Cheryl Johnson, at 924-4220.