

Sacramental Preparation Retreat Calendar

Year TWO

2017-18

ALL YEAR 2 RETREATS ARE AT ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH. Except where indicated, parents and the children preparing for full initiation must attend each session date. There will be no make-up sessions.

Forgiving One Another

Parents and children will explore what it means to forgive another person. We will learn how God forgives us, what Christ teaches about how we are to forgive others, and the joy, peace, and love that are felt when we forgive.

Sunday, November 12th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm

Forgiveness and Mercy (The Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Parents and children will explore God's forgiveness of our sins through the sacrament of reconciliation. We will talk about how to make an examination of conscience and practice how to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

Sunday, December 3th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm

Reconciliation Service:

Children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time with a brief Liturgy of the Word preceding.

Sunday, December 10th 2:00 – 4:00pm – at St. Maximilian Kolbe

The Holy Spirit and You

In this session we learn more about the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Holy Trinity and His important work in us and in our Church. We will also learn about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how we can see the effects of His life in us.

Sunday, January 14th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Parents and children will learn how Confirmation makes us stronger Christians through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will talk about living Christian lives of service and Catholic social teaching. With a focus on the call to service at the Last Supper, children will learn the Works of Mercy and how the Holy Spirit calls us to serve and love others.

Sunday, February 11th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm

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Rite of Calling to Completion of Initiation:

Sunday, March 18th 9:30am Mass @ Holy Cross

Sunday, March 18th 10:30am Mass @ St. Maximilian Kolbe

Sunday, March 18th 11:00am Mass @ St. Bartholomew

Jesus, the Bread of Life

Parents and children will learn about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and how God himself wants to nourish us and feed us spiritually. We will hear how God wants to dwell in us.

Sunday, April 8th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

Parents and children learn the Order of the Mass and how to more fully engage in the liturgy.

Sunday, May 6th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm

Family Consultations:

Parents and children have an interview with a member of the pastoral staff to assess readiness to be fully initiated into the church community.

May/June by appointment

Family & Class Community Service Event

Together, as a class, children and families will have the opportunity to engage in a Cluster Wide Community Service Project, introduced from the earlier retreat on Living Christian Lives and Catholic Social Teaching.

Banner Kit Potluck:

Children will receive and complete their banner kit at a potluck gathering.

Rehearsal:

Sponsors (if able) and the children preparing for Confirmation and First communion attend a rehearsal in order to practice for the ceremony. Children must bring their completed banner and service project poster.

During the week before the Ceremony.

Confirmation and First Communion Ceremony:

We will notify families immediately as soon as we hear back from the Bishop's Office in early January regarding the 2018 dates for the Sacrament ceremonies.