

ST. JOSEPH'S HOMESCHOOL SACRAMENT REQUEST

Families requesting sacrament reception at St. Joseph's must be registered with the parish and enroll their school-aged children with the parish formation program annually even if choosing alternate formation options order to record the student's preparation for sacrament reception.

1. Child's Name: _____

2. Sacrament Status:
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| • Baptism | <input type="checkbox"/> RECEIVED | <input type="checkbox"/> REQUESTED |
| • Confession | <input type="checkbox"/> RECEIVED | <input type="checkbox"/> REQUESTED |
| • Communion | <input type="checkbox"/> RECEIVED | <input type="checkbox"/> REQUESTED* |
| • Confirmation | <input type="checkbox"/> RECEIVED | <input type="checkbox"/> REQUESTED |

*First Holy Communion Mass Request:

- English Mass
- Spanish Mass
- Latin Mass

(Annual Dates TBA)

3. Child's Faith Formation Report (previous two years):

Grade(s): _____ Resources: _____ Approximate Hours: _____

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4. Child's Prayer Memorization (typical grade-level prayers):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Grade: <i>Sign of the Cross, Glory Be, Hail Mary</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th Grade: <i>Guardian Angel & St. Michael</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd Grade: <i>Our Father & Act of Contrition</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th Grade: <i>Angelus</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd Grade: <i>Apostles' Creed</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 th Grade: <i>Memorare</i> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 th + Grade: <i>Nicene Creed & Full Rosary</i> |

5. Child's Mass Attendance (Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation): Approximate annual attendance: _____ %

6. Parent's Faith Formation (e.g., Homeschool preparation, Parish Faith Groups, RCIA, Small Groups, Classes, etc.):

7. Confirmation Only:

- Confirmation Packet Completed**
Families must submit the child's *Sponsor* and *Saint Name* forms which are available in a packet from the parish or can be downloaded from www.stjmod.com. (*Retreat Forms* in packet need only be completed if your child will attend St. Joseph's retreats).
- Retreat Experiences (2 required during confirmation prep years):**

Title: _____ Dates: _____ Approximate Hours: _____

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The requirements stated on this document (both sides) have been met.

PARENT: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

StJ Director of Faith Formation: _____ Date: _____

St. Joseph's Parish Sacramental Preparation Guidelines

- **General Guidelines**

- After the age of reason is reached, a minimum of two full consecutive years of catechetical instruction is to precede the reception of any sacraments.
- Parish program enrollment is required each year of faith formation.
- Sacrament certificates must be on file.
- Parents should request sacraments at the appropriate age and celebration time as those in the parish program (pastoral exceptions are possible – parish office to request pastoral meeting):
 - **Confession:** 2nd Grade
 - **Communion:** 3rd Grade
 - **Confirmation:** 8th grade

- **Formation Resources**

- Utilize the same materials as the parish program, or otherwise approved catechetical resources.¹
- *Circle of Grace* safe environment education is required.²

- **Sacrament Preparation**

- Catechesis on relevant sacraments is to be included during sacrament reception years.
- Confirmation parents, sponsors, and youth are required to participate in a retreat experience each year.³ (Homeschool-led retreats may be offered.)

- **Parents / Guardian / Sponsor Responsibility**

- Attend parish sacrament practice and any required preparation meetings / classes.
- Actively participate in the Parish community and participate in Sunday Mass.
- Follow the norms (including Safe Environment), established by the bishop.

¹ Primary curriculum must be approved by USCCB. See www.usccb.org/about/evangelization-and-catechesis/subcommittee-on-catechism/upload/Current-Conformity-List.pdf

² See dovesnest.net/circleofgrace. For more information contact the Diocesan Safe Environment Training Manager at 209-466-0636, ext. 611.

³ See stocktondiocese.org/confirmation-guidelines.