

Office of Religious Education

St. James the Apostle
490 South Park Blvd.
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

August 1, 2022

Dear Parents,

This year your son/daughter will be in their second and final year of preparing for reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist. We are very excited about this year and are happy to have your student receiving these sacraments at St. James. The purpose of our ministry in the Office of Religious Education is to support your efforts as a parent to raise your child of God in the faith that we all profess. We hope you take a few moments to reflect on what receiving these Sacraments meant to you and assist your child in preparing.

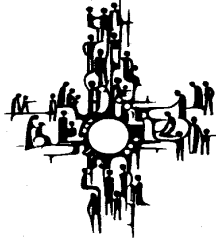
We recognize that there are many activities in your family's life; therefore, we ask you to remember that an integral part of their formation has been, and always will be, attendance at all classes. Absences of 3 or more classes will require a meeting between the candidate, parents and the RE staff to discuss the candidate's readiness to receive this sacrament. Students that attend St. James School, please follow the instructions of your teacher to complete these formation requirements; some may be completed in class while others you will complete at home. Thank you for your guidance to arrange your child's schedule to ensure their attendance at classes and the formation events.

We wanted to give you the dates of the major events that you and your child will be required to attend in order to complete this two year formation process. As the dates approach we will provide you with additional details via our electronic newsletter, ***Sacramental REinders***, which is sent the last Friday of every month. We primarily use email to communicate with you throughout the year, so if your email address changes, please notify us at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to celebrating these sacraments with your child and your family. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Joyfully,

Elizabeth Weesner
Coordinator of Religious Education



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The following dates have been set; please mark your calendar:

Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM : First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

A parents' only meeting for those who have children that will be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation for the first time this year is scheduled in St. James Hall. Please note that this is an informational meeting for parents that have not been through this process with other children. The meeting will last no more than 1 hour.

Monday, November 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM: First Reconciliation

A Reconciliation prayer service for those receiving the Sacrament for the first time and their families will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022 beginning at 6:00 PM in the church with reception of the Sacrament immediately afterwards. The entire family is invited to participate which typically lasts approximately 1 hour.

Dates for other events, including the 1st Eucharist retreat and the 1st Eucharist celebration, will be set once we meet with our new pastor, Fr. Keith Wolfe. We will provide a complete calendar for the 2022-2023 school year in early Fall.