



# Guidelines for Reception of the Sacraments of First Penance, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and Anointing of the Sick.

## First Penance

First Penance has the following requirements:

- Complete the first year of the two year preparation program for First Eucharist. This is normally completed via the 1st grade Religious Education, and reception of the sacrament normally occurs during 2nd grade Religious Education Program.

### **Exceptions**

For persons older than 2nd grade, but younger than 18, the procedures are slightly different:

- Complete 16 weeks one on one with a Catechists. Each session will be one hour long. Anyone older than 18 who have yet to receive the sacrament is referred to the RCIA program.

## Eucharist

First Eucharist has the following requirements:

- Complete the two year preparation program for First Eucharist. This is normally completed through 1st and 2nd grade Religious Education, and the sacrament is received towards the end of 2nd grade Religious Education.

### **Exceptions**

For persons older than 2nd grade, but younger than 18, the procedures are slightly different:

- Complete 24 weeks one on one with a Catechist. Each session will be one hour long. Anyone older than 18 who has yet to receive the sacrament is referred to the RCIA program.

# Confirmation

Confirmation has the following requirements:

- Complete the two year preparation period for confirmation.

This normally completed via the 7th and 8th grade Religious Education. The sacrament is then Celebrated by the Bishop in the Fall of 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Exceptions

For persons older than 8th grade, but younger than 18, the procedures are slightly different:

- Complete 24 weeks one on one with a Catechist. Each session will be one hour long.

For persons older than 18 who have yet to receive the sacrament are referred to the RCIA program.

# Anointing Of The Sick

Anointing of the sick can be administered by a priest to any person with the following requirements:

- Is a baptized catholic
- Is in the midst of, or about to face a serious medical issue, or advanced age. (i.e. surgery, sickness, disease)

Additionally, the sacrament can be given again for each instance of sickness. For example, if you receive the sacrament for a upcoming surgery, and the surgery is delayed, you can receive it a second time for the rescheduled surgery.

To receive the sacrament, call the parish office at 570-523-3104