

# **Sacrament Readiness Overview:**

## **A New Approach to Sacrament Formation**

We welcome you into the next phase of your child's spiritual journey of faith development as a family. Our Sacramental Preparation sessions are geared toward children who are actively involved in becoming a disciple of Christ while participating in our Faith Formation programs. We here at St. Mark are happy and honored to come alongside your family to help you prepare your child for the reception of Sacraments of Initiation.

In order to accompany your family on this next step, we will start by conducting a *Sacrament Readiness Intake Meeting* with both you and your child. Our goal is to determine where your child is on their faith journey and what faith session(s) will be a good fit to prepare them for the next part of the journey.

In this conversation, we are looking and listening for indicators that your child is developing into a disciple of Christ in order to enter into our Sacramental Preparation sessions. We are looking for children who know who is God, who is Jesus, attend Mass weekly, who are familiar with Bible stories and who have an active prayer life.

If your child is showing these indicators in their faith life, then we will invite you to join our Sacramental Preparation sessions. Throughout the course of the sessions parent involvement is expected. Parent involvement will look different depending on where the child is in their faith journey and how old they are.
























If your child needs more time to grow into this phase of faith development, you may choose to attend our Evangelization sessions with your child to help them prepare to enter into the Sacramental Preparation phase of their faith journey. If this does not fit into your family life at this time, you are welcome to delay your child's sacramental preparation for another time.

We are always happy to revisit where your child is at on their faith journey, to place them in the faith formation session(s) that best meets their needs next. Their progress depends on many factors, the greatest of which is how the faith is being lived in your family life. This can be an overwhelming and daunting task and we are here to support you! We understand that spiritual growth is based on the individual and your child's journey may not happen at the same pace as another child. We are here to walk with you and your child all the way to the altar! We want your child to join us through initiation into the Catholic Church and celebrate Him with us!

Sincerely,  
St. Mark Faith Formation Department  
Brad Horn, Amanda McGowan, and Andrea Woolums

**Sacrament Readiness Checklist:**

The following logistical criteria must be met before an effective Sacrament Readiness Intake Meeting takes place.

	Baptism	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & Communion	Confirmation
Turn in Copy of Birth Certificate			
Sign-up for Sacrament Readiness Intake Meeting at least 48 hours prior to scheduled interview			
Submitted Faith Formation Registration Form			
Submitted Faith Formation Liability Forms (Form A & Form B/Code of Conduct)			
Faith Formation Fee Payment: \$30 per student/\$100 family max (\$45 per student/\$15 family max for non-parishioners)			
At least 7 years of age and at least in 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade			
Turn in Copy of Baptismal Certificate			
1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Prep Fee: \$20 per participant			
Turn in Copy of 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Certificate			
15 years old by April 1 <sup>st</sup> of Confirmation Year			
Confirmation Retreat Fee Payment: \$140 per participant (paid at registration)			

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Preparation Options:**

<b>Option 1 – First Communion May of 2019</b> Time Frame: September 2018-May 2019 Frequency: Once a month Time: Sundays from 1:30-3:30pm	<b>Option 3 – First Communion May of 2019</b> Time Frame: January 2019-May 2019 Frequency: Weekly Time: Sundays from 2:15-3:30pm
<b>Option 2 – First Communion May of 2019</b> Time Frame: September 2018-May 2019 Frequency: Twice a month Time: Sundays from 2:15-3:30pm	<b>Option 4 - First Communion August of 2019*</b> Time Frame: 7/22/19-8/2/19 Frequency: Daily Time: Monday-Friday from 9:00-10:30am

**Confirmation Class:**

Time Frame: January-May 2019  
 Frequency: Weekly  
 Time: Sundays from 1:30-3:30pm

**Sacrament Readiness Intake Meeting Sign-Up Link:**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094cabac2fa4fc1-interviews>