

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF: FIRST PENANCE, FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION 2008-09

Documents: Sacramental preparation is offered to families who are registered parishioners of St. Luke Catholic Church. Students need a copy of their Baptismal Certificate in order to receive the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation. Certificates must be in the Faith Formation Office by November 16, 2008.

Sacraments: Students may receive the Sacraments of Confession & First Communion in the 3rd grade or older. Students will be required to attend first and second grade faith formation classes in order to register for a first communion class.

Confirmation is a two consecutive year program for high school students. The first year students will deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith. The second year, they will prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. There is, however, an exception to this guideline:

Students who have been attending religious education classes in our faith formation program, or in a Catholic school, in grades 3rd through 8th, will be accepted into a Confirmation preparation class as ninth graders. Confirmation candidates **must attend our Confirmation Retreat** to be held on Saturday, March 7, 2009.

Requirements: Students may **not have more than 2 unexcused absences** during the year. Students enrolling late are asked to present a letter from the DRE of their previous church indicating how regular their CCD attendance was and what program they completed.

Parents: Parents of students receiving any of the 3 Sacraments are asked to **attend all preparatory meetings** before the reception of the sacraments. They are also asked to help in their child's preparation by ensuring that all guidelines have been met. There is a **mandatory First Communion Retreat** for parents and students on Saturday, March 28, 2009.

Students: Students are expected to know all required prayers and basic Catholic teachings as explained at parents' meetings. They must also demonstrate a desire to receive the sacraments and show the spiritual readiness necessary for such an important event in their lives.

If we can help you in any way, please, do not hesitate to call us.

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