

Sacramental Preparation Retreat Calendar Year TWO 2017-18

ALL YEAR 2 RETREATS ARE AT ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH. Except where indicated, parents and the children preparing for full initiation must attend each session date. There will be no make-up sessions.

Forgiveness and The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parents and children will explore what it means to forgive another person. We will learn how God forgives us, what Christ teaches about how we are to forgive others, and the joy, peace, and love that are felt when we forgive. We will explore God's forgiveness of our sins through the sacrament of reconciliation. We will talk about how to make an examination of conscience and practice how to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

Sunday, November 12th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm

Reconciliation Service:

Children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time with a brief Liturgy of the Word preceding.

Sunday, December 3th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm - at St. Maximilian Kolbe
Snow Date: Sunday, December 10th 2:00 - 4:00pm

The Sacrament of Confirmation

In this session we learn more about the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Holy Trinity and His important work in us and in our Church. We will also learn about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how we can see the effects of His life in us.

Parents and children will learn how Confirmation makes us stronger Christians through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will talk about living Christian lives of service and Catholic social teaching. With a focus on the call to service at the Last Supper, children will learn the Works of Mercy and how the Holy Spirit calls us to serve and love others.

Sunday, January 14th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm
Snow Date: Sunday, February 11th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm

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Rite of Calling to Discipleship:

Sunday, March 18th 9:30am Mass @ Holy Cross
Sunday, March 18th 10:30am Mass @ St. Maximilian Kolbe
Sunday, March 18th 11:00am Mass @ St. Bartholomew

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Jesus, the Bread of Life & The Sacrament of The Eucharist

Parents and children will learn about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and how God himself wants to nourish us and feed us spiritually. We will hear how God wants to dwell in us.

Sunday, April 8th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm

Order of the Mass

Parents and children learn the Order of the Mass and how to more fully engage in the liturgy.

Sunday, May 6th @ 2:00 - 4:00pm

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Family Consultations:

Parents and children have an interview with a member of the pastoral staff to assess readiness to be fully initiated into the church community.

May/June by appointment

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Family & Class Community Service Event

Together, as a class, children and families will have the opportunity to engage in a Cluster Wide Community Service Project, introduced from the earlier retreat on Living Christian Lives and Catholic Social Teaching.

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Banner Kit Potluck:

Children will receive and complete their banner kit at a potluck gathering.

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Rehearsal:

Sponsors (if able) and the children preparing for Confirmation and First communion attend a rehearsal in order to practice for the ceremony. Children must bring their completed banner and service project poster.

During the week before the Ceremony.

Confirmation and First Communion Ceremony:

We will notify families immediately as soon as we hear back from the Bishop’s Office in early January regarding the 2018 dates for the Sacrament ceremonies.