

A hand is shown holding a white ceramic bowl with a yellow rim, filled with white, round communion wafers. In the background, a golden wheat stalk is visible against a white background. The text is overlaid on the image.

SAINTS SIMON & JUDE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Sacramental Preparation

SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION
AND
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Sacramental Preparation

The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is part of a two year journey, typically beginning when a child enters the first grade. In order to participate in these Sacraments, a child must be Baptized in a Roman Catholic Church prior to the age of 7 years old. The Sacrament of Reconciliation must be completed before the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

In order to prepare and understand these Sacraments more fully, children in the Sacramental preparation program will be required to be enrolled in faith formation class at Saints Simon & Jude Parish or attend Saints Simon & Jude Catholic School. Additionally, children will need to attend five meetings outside of the regular faith formation classes at Saints Simon & Jude Parish or Saints Simon & Jude Catholic School. One parent is required to attend and be active participants with their child(ren) at all of these meetings. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, you will need to contact Erin Watson for a make-up session. More information on the specifics of the Sacraments (i.e. dates and times) will be announced at a later date.

In-Person Meetings

October 23rd from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

January 8th from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

February 5th from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

March 26th from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

April 30th from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.



Between Meetings

“Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues.”

(CCC 2223)

In between the meetings, children and parents must complete four or five lessons from the Sacramental Preparation program that has been provided to each family. These lessons will include a parent guide to assist in the implementation. These lessons will be discussed at the meeting at the next meeting. They are important in the faith formation of your child and their understanding of the Sacraments they are receiving.