

SACRAMENTS...see Faith Formation Calendar for specific dates.

- **Weekly mass attendance is a pre-requisite for anyone seeking to receive a sacrament.**
- Please provide a copy of the Baptismal Certificate to the office if not baptized at St. Blase.

Reconciliation for the First Time . . .

Children may celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time beginning at the **age of seven or older. Parent-Child Preparation classes begin in October.** A child must be at least age seven and understand the difference between doing something wrong on purpose (knowing right from wrong) or if the incident was an accident. There are three Parent-Child

Reconciliation sessions to prepare for this sacrament. All children should have made their 1st Reconciliation by 4th Grade. Contact Diann Chase, DRE (diane.chase@stblase.org) if your child missed this window of opportunity.

The Sign of the Cross & Act of Contrition must be memorized before celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Adults who have never experienced the sacrament or who have been away for a time and wish formation or guidance, please contact Dr. Mary Dumm, Pastoral Associate.

There is the opportunity for private celebrations of the sacrament every Saturday at 3:00 PM. Communal celebrations are scheduled during Advent and Lent. The Sacrament of Penance may also be made by appointment by calling Fr. Randy Phillips, Pastor.

Eucharist for the First Time . . .

Commonly, children prepare for Eucharist for the first time beginning at the **age of seven or older.**

Parent-Child Preparation classes begin in January; reception of Eucharist is always the 3rd Week of Easter.

It is important that children have sufficient knowledge and are carefully prepared so as to understand the mystery of Christ according to their capacity. For seven-year-olds or older,

the process begins at home and is developed by **weekly mass participation** and is supported by formal Faith Formation programs which include four (4) Eucharist Parent-Child sessions from January -- April.

Questions to ask yourself as you determine your child's readiness:

- Does your child care about the Mass? Are they eager to receive Communion?
- Is your child easily distracted at the liturgy or are they beginning to notice the parts of the Mass?
- Do they sing the hymns and acclamations?
- Do they pray with the assembly?
- Do they listen attentively during the Liturgy of the Word?
- Do they ask specific questions about the mass or symbols in church?

The Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be must be memorized before celebrating the sacrament. Sacramental Coordinators: Christina Willson & Anthony Howell – sacramentcoordinators@stblase.org. Any questions, contact Diann Chase – Director of Religious Education – diane.chase@stblase.org.

Confirmation . . .

Practicing Catholic Adolescents, **8th grade** who wish to celebrate Confirmation may register for Confirmation Prep classes. **These preparation classes begin in November** with the Sacrament of Confirmation being celebrated in the Easter Season. Confirmation preparation also includes a Retreat. Candidates for Confirmation will seek the spiritual help of a selected sponsor who is a baptized Catholic and in good standing. **Weekly mass attendance is required for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation** in addition to Faith Formation program attendance.

The Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be & Act of Contrition must be memorized when registering for the sacrament. Please contact Diann Chase, Director of Religious Education diane.chase@stblase.org when your teen is ready to recite their prayers so you may register for the sacrament.

If you have further questions, please contact Diann Chase – Director of Religious Education – diane.chase@stblase.org. Thank you.

| <u>Reconciliation Preparation - Parent & Child ages 7 & up</u> | | | |
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| Sacramental Coordinators: Christina Willson & Anthony Howell | | | |
| Mon. Oct 21 | HC | 6:30 - 8 pm | Session #1 |
| Mon. Nov. 4 | HC | 6:30 - 8 pm | Session #2 |
| Mon. Nov. 18 | HC | 6:30 - 8 pm | Session #3 |
| <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Monday, Dec 2, 6pm in church</i> | | | |
| <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Every Saturday: 3 pm</i> | | | |

| <u>Eucharist Prep - Parent/Child, ages 7 & up</u> | | | |
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| Mon. Jan. 20 | HC | 6:30 – 8 pm | Session #1 |
| Mon. Feb. 17 | HC | 6:30 – 8 pm | Session #2 |
| Mon. Mar. 10 | HC | 6:30 – 8 pm | Session #3 |
| Mon. Mar. 31 | HC/C | 6:30 – 8 pm | Session #4 |
| Mon. Apr. 28 | Church | Final Rehearsal | 5:30 pm |

***Sacrament of First Eucharist: Sun. May 4th at 11 a.m. Mass
Attending Holy Thursday Mass is highly recommended.***