

St. Joseph Parish

& St. Vincent de Paul Mission

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Sacraments of Penance, Holy Communion and Confirmation

A sacrament is not a one-time event but a process, a way of living our lives to become more like Christ. Sacraments express our beliefs as Catholic Christians and puts those beliefs into tangible symbols and rituals to help us understand more fully the profoundness of this gift. Therefore, the preparation for celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation is a developmental process that includes:

- ✠ Ongoing reflections and discussions at home of the lived faith of the family;
- ✠ Active participation in the weekly faith formation sessions for two school years before the sacrament is celebrated;
- ✠ Weekly celebration of the liturgy;
- ✠ Attendance by children and parents in parish-wide, sacramental preparation sessions.

The sacramental experience continues to be nurtured through further faith formation opportunities at the parish and diocesan level in which families are encouraged to participate.

Confirmation

Preparation for Confirmation is offered per diocesan mandate during junior high. Children must be actively participating in weekly formation in the seventh and eighth grades, either through weekly evening CFF sessions or the parish school, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. In addition to these weekly sessions, parents and children will be asked to participate in several weekend sessions, guided by staff and volunteer catechists, where parents work with their child on fundamentals of our Catholic faith.

In order to help cover the cost of two components in the second year of sacrament preparation for Confirmation, we will be asking for a \$70 Confirmation Sacrament fee. This sacrament fee covers the costs per child associated with two of the components of our parish process in which all second-year teens participate as candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation, namely:

- FIRED UP! Diocesan Confirmation conference, St. Francis, Mar 3 or 4
- Confirmation Retreat at the Marelllo Youth Center in Loomis, April 14-15

Child's Name _____

Session day/time/location
Please circle

TUES 6:45

WED 6:45

SEA School

SVDP Sundays

Parent primary phone () _____

Sacramental Fee = \$ 70 **Paid** _____ **Received by** _____