



# Sacraments Camp

preparation for

## 1st Reconciliation

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## 1st Communion

# June 26-June 30, 2023

Receiving Jesus in both Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist is life changing! We are excited to accompany our young Church on this journey. We are thrilled to offer a program that not only covers the necessary material but provides enrichment opportunities to enhance learning, retention, and ultimately relationship with Jesus.

We acknowledge the busyness of family life during the school year. In light of this, and the desire to continuously walk alongside parents, we are offering all-day Sacraments Camp. This camp will be held June 26– June 30, but “begins” in Spring 2023 with a parent retreat. At this Parent-only retreat, parents experience what students will learn. They are provided materials to encourage their children during camp week and resources to supplement discussion at home. Parents must attend the Parent-only Retreat to receive the registration information for Sacraments Camp. Parent Retreat is scheduled May 6 & May 13, 2023. Must attend one.

### TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

8:15a – Arrival  
8:30a – Mass  
9:00a – Study & Enrichment  
10:15a – Snack & Outside Play  
10:45a – Study & Enrichment  
11:45a – Outside Play  
12:15p – Prayer  
12:30p – LUNCH - bring your own  
1:00p – Outside Play  
1:30p – Study & Enrichment  
2:30p – Adoration  
2:45p – Snack  
3:00p – Study & Enrichment  
4:00p – Outside Play  
4:45p – Clean up, Closing Prayer  
5:00p – Pickup

### DAY TOPICS

Monday – 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation

Tuesday – 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation

Wednesday 1/2 Day – 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation

Wednesday 1/2 Day – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

Thursday – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

Friday – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

Reconciliation received anytime Wednesday– Saturday afternoon

Saturday 4:30p MASS – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

Sunday ALL MASSES – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

## Sacraments Camp FAQ-

1. What if my young disciple can't attend that week?  
If your family is unable to commit to the prescheduled week, you may delay receiving the sacraments until the following summer. Or, you can certainly attend preparation in another parish.
2. What if a parent doesn't attend the parent workshop?  
From a parent-led catechesis model, the current program requires parents to attend with their young disciples. However, we realize that a week-long camp may be too difficult for working parents. The parent component will be provided in the spring as the parent workshop and it is required. It will be at this workshop where the registration for Sacramental Camp will be provided. If parents are unable to participate in the parent workshop, then sacramental preparation will need to be delayed.
3. Can an older sibling or grandparent attend the parent workshop?  
Parents/Guardians are required to attend. However, if an older sibling (not one requiring childcare) or grandparent would like to attend, they are most welcome to accompany the parents or guardians. It is important to remember that this is an adult session and will be facilitated as such. It is recommended that these extra attendees be at least in middle school.
4. How much will this cost?  
At this time, we anticipate this cost to be \$100 for the week.
5. Will you feed my child?  
Snacks will be provided. **Please pack a brown-bag cold lunch for your child.**
6. Will they still need to attend a retreat?  
The First Communion Retreat will be incorporated into the week.
7. Will childcare be provided during the parent workshop?  
At this time, we do not anticipate this ministry being provided. If this is an issue for your family, please contact the Director of Christian Formation.
8. Can I volunteer to assist with Sacraments Camp?  
Yes! Volunteers are most welcome! All volunteers must be compliant with the diocesan safe environment policies which include CASE training and Background check, which is processed through our diocese.
9. What if my child cannot sit for 8 hours a day?  
Just like school, the schedule will have time built in for play, running, activities, crafts, etc. The students will not be sitting in their seats all day, every day. However, there will be some bookwork that will be covered.
10. How can I support my young disciple at home?  
The parent workshop will go over what will be covered during the week. In addition, we will provide parent-led activities to enrich the lessons covered.
11. How does this time span of one week compare to 8-9 months of preparation?  
With the current program, students are spending about 6 hours on each sacrament and there is little time for extra enrichment activities. The new program gives over 12 hours for each sacrament including enrichment activities. Adding enrichment activities will aid student learning and retention.
12. Where will young disciples have room to run?  
With an all-day camp and the beautiful facility, we have the opportunity to bring young disciples outside in the large grassy area for daily play time, weather permitting, of course.
13. How soon will the summer dates be made available?  
The next fiscal year calendar is typically posted in June. This will allow parents to know when the spring parent workshop is and when the following summer Sacraments Camp is scheduled. You will have about one year to plan for camp.