

## **Religious Ed. deadline**

If your child will be eligible to receive a Sacrament in the 2009-2010 school year (2nd grade or 11th grade) and they are currently in 1st or 10th grade and not already registered for Religious education, they must be registered by Dec. 31st for them to be eligible during the next school year. If you have any questions about this, please contact Valerie at the office or check the parish website for more information.

### **First Reconciliation for Children 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades (Tract 1)**

Dec. 2008

#### *General Policy*

Children are to be properly prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to receiving it. It must be completed before receiving First Eucharist.

All children whose families are registered members of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church are eligible to participate, after meeting the following requirements:

1. A child must be 7 years-old and have reached the age of reason.
2. Children must be in their second consecutive year of religious instruction.
3. A baptismal record is necessary if not baptized at Blessed Sacrament.
4. Attendance at weekly Mass is an integral part of the preparation process for this sacrament.
5. Attendance at all Reconciliation Prep classes is required.

#### *First Reconciliation Prep at BSCC*

Four preparation classes will be conducted in October and attendance of both child and parent is required. This takes place in addition to regular classroom attendance in our Religious Ed. program.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated during the Advent season, or may be scheduled with our priests at your convenience.



*General Policy*

Children who have reached the age of reason are prepared for the Celebration of First Eucharist. Developmental instruction is provided to help children gain knowledge of the Church's teachings and the mystery of Christ's presence.

All children whose families are registered members of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church are eligible to participate, after meeting the following requirements:

1. A child must be in second grade, 7 years-old and have reached the age of reason.
2. Children must be in their second consecutive year of religious instruction.
3. A baptismal record is necessary if not baptized at our parish.
4. Attendance at weekly Mass is an integral part of the preparation process for this sacrament.
5. Completion of First Reconciliation classes is required.
6. Attendance at all Eucharist prep classes and the retreat is required.
7. An interview to confirm a child's readiness to receive Communion, is conducted in the Spring.

*First Eucharist prep at BSCC*

Four preparation classes will be conducted in March and attendance of both child and parent is required, along with weekly attendance at Religious Ed.

A separate First Eucharist retreat will be held in April and children are expected to attend.

First Eucharist is celebrated with families at weekend Masses in the Spring, or a scheduled after the completion of all classes and requirements.

*\*We are happy to work with parents of children with special needs. Please contact Valerie at the office 434-4341, ext 103.*



*General Policy*

After completing a program of catechetical preparation, candidates may celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation as early as 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

Candidates for Confirmation must attend Youth classes in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and continue during 11<sup>th</sup> grade, receiving the Sacrament in the Spring.

All high school Juniors whose families are registered members of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church are eligible to participate, after meeting the following requirements

1. A baptism record is necessary for sacrament preparation.
2. The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered to all 11<sup>th</sup> graders in their second consecutive year of religious instruction (Youth).
3. Individuals must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist.
4. Individuals must have the desire to continue on their Catholic faith journey.
5. Attendance at weekly Mass is an integral part of the preparation process for this sacrament.

*Confirmation Preparation at BSCC*

1. Completion of all Confirmation classes.
2. Weekly attendance at Youth Religious Ed. is expected.



*For more information on receiving any of these 3 Sacraments please call Valerie at the office at 434-4341, ext 103 or email at [vblanton@bsccva.com](mailto:vblanton@bsccva.com).*