

*St. John the Evangelist Church*  
SACRAMENTAL POLICY

Students preparing for these sacraments **must attend Mass regularly**. It is hard for a child to understand why the sacraments are important if they are not given the opportunity or do not see the importance of celebrating them.

***First Reconciliation & First Communion***

1. Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion require a full year of attendance in the First Grade of CCD or a Catholic school and a full year of attendance in the Second Grade of CCD or a Catholic school. The sacraments will be received in the later part of the school year in the second grade.
2. Those students preparing for First Reconciliation/Communion who do not meet the CCD attendance requirements in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade will need to repeat the 1<sup>st</sup> grade the following school year, and meet attendance requirements.
3. Older students (beyond the second grade) who enter the CCD Program but have not received First Reconciliation/Communion will be required to attend at least one full year of CCD before they will be considered for these sacraments. The student may be placed into a lower age-level class the first year of attendance before advancing to the appropriate age-level class the following year. During the second year of attendance, the student will be eligible to prepare for the sacraments.
4. *Parent meetings and Family Sessions may be required to prepare your child for the sacraments of First Reconciliation/Communion.* Those students and their families who fail to meet this obligation will cause delay of the sacraments until the following year when the preparation is completed.

***Confirmation***

1. Those students preparing for Confirmation will be required to have attended all CCD classes the two years prior to, and including the Confirmation year.
2. Those who do not meet the CCD attendance for Confirmation will have to wait until the next time Confirmation is offered, and meet attendance requirements.
3. *Confirmation Preparation Sessions are required for the Confirmandi and at least one parent in preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation.* Those students and their families who fail to meet this obligation will cause delay until the next Confirmation year when the preparation is completed.