



FAITH FORMATION

First Reconciliation

Discovering God's healing and loving presence in our lives.



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Who is eligible?

- The Archdiocese of Baltimore recommends that your child receive First Reconciliation before First Eucharist.
- Each child in second grade or older should have at least one year of Faith Formation prior to the sacrament year.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Parents and guardians are the most important influences on the child's spiritual and moral development.
- Show forgiveness in word and deed.
- Actively participate in church life.
- Teach difference between sin and wrong doing.



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“Parents shall be the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith”

- Each child will receive “We Prepare For Reconciliation” and work with their parents to complete by Wednesday, November 20.
- Please take time each week to review concepts in the book. We want the children to enjoy the process and not feel pressured to “finish” the book quickly.



How to prepare children...

- All First Reconciliation students will visit the Reconciliation rooms the week before our first celebration.
- Children will observe a “mock” confession Nov. 20.
- Review prayer card “Rite of Reconciliation” (found in your folder)
- Review Examination of Conscience



Night of Celebration...

- Students should be dressed appropriately for church.
- Celebration begins at 7pm with a prayer service.
- As students arrive they will be given a station number so they know which station to move to after the opening prayer service.
- Students remain in pews while waiting their turn for First Reconciliation. All children sit face to face with celebrant.
- Please consider receiving the sacrament the same evening as your child.



First Reconciliation Packet

- Registration forms are in your packet (tan sheet)
- Complete all information and choose which evening your child will celebrate the sacrament.
- Turn in registration forms no later than October 25 so we can email families the week of November 4 with their date for Reconciliation.



Questions?

- Contact Keri Geibler at kgeibler@stmargaret.org
- 410-879-2670 x 202 with any questions or concerns.