



Saint Cecilia Church and School

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Policies for the Celebration of First Eucharist and Confirmation of Children at St. Cecilia Parish

1. Parents who wish their child to celebrate First Eucharist and/or Confirmation must be registered at Saint Cecilia Parish or at another Catholic Parish. Parents from other parishes must submit in writing a Letter of Permission from their Pastor if they wish either of these celebrations to take place at Saint Cecilia.
2. Children wishing to celebrate these Sacraments must have been attending a Parish School of Religion or a Catholic School for a minimum a year before the celebration of the Sacrament. This means that a child must have completed the Grade Level prior to the Grade Two or Grade Eight. Documentation of Attendance may be required when such attendance took place at a parish other than Saint Cecilia. In certain situations, a Supplemental Class that addresses Eucharist or Confirmation may be needed. Children preparing for these Sacraments must participate in the formation activities for each of these Sacraments.
3. First Eucharist is normally celebrated on the First Sunday of May for children in Grade Two. Children who are in Grades Three and above and have fulfilled all the Requirements may celebrate First Eucharist with Grade Two or at another Mass as agreed upon by the Pastor and the Family.
4. Confirmation is celebrated for students in Grade Eight on a date determined by the Office of the Bishop of Columbus.
5. Confirmation Candidates must have a Sponsor for Confirmation. The Sponsor must be a practicing Catholic and be a least sixteen years of age. They must have completed the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It is not required that a Sponsor be a person who was a Sponsor at the Candidate's Baptism. However, they should be a person who has been a role model for the Candidate. Sponsors from parishes other than Saint Cecilia will be asked to obtain an Eligibility Certificate from their Pastor/Parish.
6. Candidates for Confirmation from a parish other than Saint Cecilia may be confirmed at Saint Cecilia Parish with the written permission of their Pastor.
7. Priests and Deacons from other parishes or who may be relatives or friends of the First Communicant or Candidate for Confirmation may concelebrate or serve as Deacon at the First Communion Mass or Confirmation Mass. If they are from another diocese, they may need to submit of Letter of Good Standing.