

St. Francis Xavier School Sacrament Preparation Information

We are blessed to have a rich sacramental preparation program here at St. Francis Xavier School that encompasses excellent classroom resources and teachings, enriching retreats that include the entire family and beautiful liturgies. Students and parents from all faith traditions participate in family retreats. Students who are baptized Catholic prior to turning 8, receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation (2nd grade), Confirmation (3rd grade), and First Holy Communion (3rd grade) with their class. For questions, please contact Campus Minister Deborah Westerfield at deborah.westerfield@sfxphx.org.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Second Grade

- As part of the religion curriculum, all students in second grade learn about the sacrament of Reconciliation and the concepts of love, forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation.
- All second grade families attend a retreat in the spring during school hours, which focuses on these important concepts and allows families to experience a special faith filled day together.
- Students who are baptized Catholic (prior to turning 8) receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent at an evening service in the church.

The Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist - Third Grade

- As part of the third grade religion curriculum, all students learn about the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, the final two sacraments of initiation.
- All third grade families attend a retreat in the spring during school hours, which focuses on God's love, service, and the sacraments and allows families to experience a special faith filled day together.
- Students who are baptized Catholic (prior to turning 8) and have previously received the Sacrament of Reconciliation receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at a Saturday liturgy during the Easter season in the church.

Baptism (Infant Baptism through age 7) at St. Francis Xavier Parish

- Families (where at least one parent is Catholic) who wish to baptize their child (aged 7 and under) can enroll in a baptism preparation course at the parish. Catholic students who are not baptized prior to turning 8 years old enroll in the parish RCIA program and receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist with the parish at the Easter Vigil, not with their class.
- Select the following link to learn about the steps and for the registration form.
http://sfxphx.org/sfx_forms/BaptismRegistration_English.pdf
- Baptism Classes are held in the Ignatian Spirituality Center located at 4801 N. 1st St., Phoenix, AZ 85012 from 9:00am - 12:00 pm.
- Class Date Baptism Date
 5/2 5/9
 6/6 6/13
- All questions regarding baptism classes should be directed towards the parish Kimberly Rodriguez at 602-212-4516 or kim.rodriquez@sfxsj.org

Sacrament Preparation for Students Who Transfer to St. Francis in Grades 4-8

- As sacrament preparation occurs in second and third grade, it is not included in the grades 4-8 religion curriculum.
- students who are baptized Catholic but have not received their sacraments enroll in sacrament preparation classes at the parish.