

# ST. GABRIEL'S religious education



## St. Gabriel's Sacrament Preparation Agreement

While preparation for the sacraments is a spiritual and primarily personal journey, we do provide and ask for the completion of some tasks to help your children find their footing on their path of faith. Receiving the sacraments is not simply checking an item off of our to do list, but a major step in our journey as Catholics.

We are very excited to implement a new program to prepare our children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. This program places the family and the home as the main learning center, instead of the faith formation classroom.

In addition to children attending weekly faith formation classes, they will complete a series of "Family Meetings" at home. These family meetings are hands-on and experiential, and engage the entire family in a discussion of faith, while empowering and equipping parents to teach, share, and lead prayer with their children.

At Baptism, parents are designated as the primary catechists of their children. This means that the children should first be learning and living their faith in their own homes, with their parents as guides and role models. We understand this task may seem intimidating, but we are ready and willing to provide the assistance and resources necessary to help you feel comfortable and confident teaching the faith in your own homes.

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Below are the requirements of the families participating in the second year of sacrament preparation. It is imperative that these next steps in the faith are taken seriously and both parent & child understand their responsibilities through this formation.

Complete all family meetings in Mend by January 8th and Nourish by April 15th and send verification (included in Sacrament Prep folder) to the RE office  
Sunday Mass attendance & Weekly entries in Mass journal  
Attend Advent & Lent Family Gatherings as well as parent child retreat  
No more than three excused absences over the course of the academic year  
Keep up with email communication from RE office

Please note that if your family is to lose your Mend or Nourish boxes, you are to pay the cost of a replacement (\$40) along with shipping and taxes. By signing this agreement, you are acknowledging and agreeing to the requirements of St. Gabriel's Sacrament Preparation program.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren) to receive sacraments: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_