

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church



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Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Parents' Meeting

Dear Parents/Guardians,

St. John the Baptist Parish will soon begin its time of preparation for **Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist**. These are the second and third sacraments of initiation in the Catholic Church. The children will receive both sacraments at the same Holy Mass sometime in the spring. Baptism is the first sacrament of initiation. Please note that this preparation is for those families who would like their child to receive the sacraments of the Catholic Church.

Preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist is a very important step in your child's spiritual education and faith formation. I am truly thankful to become a part of your child's faith journey and can't wait to meet all of you.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION/FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST IS REQUIRED. Please complete the registration form and bring the form, a copy of your child's baptism certificate if they were not baptized in Estevan, Bienfait or Torquay and the **\$90.00** registration fee to the Parents' Meeting. I will have extra forms at the meeting, too. The registration fee helps to cover the cost of the resources used during the classes. You may bring a cheque or cash with you to the meeting or you can e-transfer to stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net, making sure to put "Confirmation" in the memo line. Sponsorship is also available by contacting me at the Parish Office.

**** PARENT'S MEETING ****

If your child is baptized and you would like them to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist, then **please attend one** of the **PARENTS' MEETINGS FOR CONFIRMATION/FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST PREPARATION**. The first one is on Wednesday, February 8 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. The second one is on Wednesday, February 15 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. *Your child does not have to attend this meeting.* YOU MAY CHOOSE EITHER MEETING TO ATTEND; IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT YOU ATTEND ONE OF THE PARENTS' MEETINGS.

There will be an **Enrolment Mass** for the children and their families. The Enrolment Mass brings the community together to support our children and to pray for them and their families as they proceed to study for Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist.

We are having two Enrolment Masses this year and you may choose which one your family will attend. These Holy Masses will be on Saturday, March 4 at 5pm and Sunday, March 12 at 10am. Mark your calendar, because all children registered for Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Preparation must attend one of these Holy Masses.

Parents are considered the primary and first teachers of their children and because of this, **you will be teaching your child throughout the sessions.** During the coaching sessions at the Church, you will be guided through the lesson of the month and then you will do the some of the workbook pages at home with your child. We are excited to be using a new program this year. The workbook is very simple and easy to use. The organization of this program and support for you is carried out through the leadership of the Parish. Near the end of the program, there will also be a **retreat** for the children - held at the Church during school hours. **We don't have an official date for Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist yet. We are waiting to hear from the Archbishop's office. Once I know the date, I will let everyone know as well.**

If you have a child in Grade 2 and are prepared to devote a special time to Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist preparation, we would like to invite your participation in the program.

If your child has not been baptized yet or they are older than Grade 2, please contact me to work out arrangements. We will absolutely help you through the process of baptism and your child will join the Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist program. Also, if you have older children who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation or you know someone who does, please contact me.

If you have any questions, please contact me anytime at the numbers listed below. I am more than happy to answer your questions.

On behalf of Father Antony, the Parish Staff, and myself, we look forward to working together with you.

In Christ,

Connie Wheeler
Pastoral Assistant
Work Phone Number: 634-2190
Cell Phone Number: 421-8447
Email: conniesjb@gmail.com

“Thank the Lord for the grace of our confirmation, that filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, we may always mirror Christ’s presence in our relations with others, our openness to those in need, and our living witness to the Gospel message of joy and peace.”
Pope Francis



St. John the Baptist Parish Confirmation/First Eucharist Preparation Registration Form



109 Twelfth Avenue, Estevan, SK. S4A 1C9 Phone: 306-634-2190
Email Connie at: conniesjb@gmail.com

PARENT INFORMATION

Father's Name:

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Complete Home Mailing Address:

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Mother's Name:

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Complete Home Mailing Address (if different from above):

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Place of Marriage:

Parish: _____

Religion:

Father: _____ Mother: _____

CHILD INFORMATION

Name:

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____

Date of Birth:

Day: _____ Month: _____ Year: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

Please indicate the sacraments your child has ALREADY received:

- Baptism - Parish _____
- First Reconciliation - Parish _____
- First Holy Eucharist - Parish _____

PLEASE INDICATE THE MASS CELEBRATION YOU PLAN TO ATTEND ON A WEEKLY BASIS WITH YOUR FAMILY

- Saturday @ 5pm
- Sunday @ 10am

I give permission for St. John the Baptist Parish to use photos and quotes of my child(ren) for this program and parish use.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

- Children must be in grade 2 or older to participate in Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Prep.
- You must be a registered parishioner of St. John the Baptist Parish in order for your child to take part in sacrament preparation. To register, please stop by the Parish Office during office hours or contact Connie to make arrangements to register your family.
- Please note that we will use your email address to communicate with your family about all things having to do with Confirmation/First Eucharist Prep.
- If your child was not baptized at St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Monica Parish (Bienfait) or Sacred Heart Parish (Torquay), please attach a copy of their baptism certificate.
- If your child has not received the sacrament of Baptism yet, please contact Connie to make arrangements.
- If you have any questions, please contact Connie, our Pastoral Assistant, at the Parish Office at 306-634-2190 or on her cell phone at 306-421-8447.
- There is a registration fee of \$90.00 per child for Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Prep.
- **You are required to attend one of the Parents' Meetings to start our Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Prep. The children do not attend the Parents' Meeting. The first one is on Wednesday, February 8 at 7pm. The second Parents' Meeting is on Wednesday, February 15 at 7pm. Both meetings are in the Parish Hall and will take approximately one hour.**
- Please bring this completed registration form to the Parents' Meeting.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Fees: _____ Cheque Cash e-transfer

Baptism Certificate: _____

Parish Registration Form Completed: _____

Date Entered In Parish Friendly: _____

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