

Receiving Sacraments

(In effect as of August 2023)

Desiring Catholic Baptism for your child?

Child under age 7, call the parish office and inquire about the expectations and preparations for the sacrament of baptism. Please also fill out this form on the parish website.

<https://www.osvhub.com/stalbertreno/forms/baptism-request>

Child age 7 or older, at this age, the Church considers your child “an adult” in that they have reached the Age of Reason and they are old enough to choose the sacrament for themselves. As such, they come into the Church as an adult would, and after 3 years of preparation, they would receive all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at our Easter Vigil celebration.

This would place your child in our parish’s Children’s Catechumenate and together, with their parents as support, and with other families desiring these sacraments for their children, **will be expected to regularly attend Sunday liturgies and participate in several group meetings at the parish level.** This is outside of school time and will be expected for all three years of the Children’s Catechumenate’s preparation period.

Please contact the parish Director of Religious Education if your child is over age 7 and desires initiation into the Catholic Church.

Desiring First Reconciliation and First Eucharist for your child?

A copy of your child’s Catholic Baptism certificate must be on file in the school office.

During First Grade (or older grade if student is baptized as a Catholic and has yet to receive their First Communion) , in anticipation of receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist the following year, families **are expected to regularly attend Sunday liturgies and participate in some “Family, Faith and Fellowship” (FF&F) Opportunities within the life of the parish.** These opportunities are offered through the parish in collaboration with the Director of Religious Education and will be presented to families at a PTO meeting.

During Second Grade (or older grade if student is baptized as a Catholic and has yet to receive their First Communion) , in anticipation of receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this school year, families **are expected to regularly attend**

Sunday liturgies and participate in additional “Family, Faith and Fellowship” (FF&F) Opportunities within the life of the parish. These opportunities are offered through the parish in collaboration with the Director of Religious Education and will include, but are not limited to, sacramental preparation meetings and a First Communion retreat, and will be presented to families at a PTO meeting.

Desiring Confirmation for your child?

A copy of your child’s Catholic baptism and First Eucharist must be on file in the school office.

During your child’s 5th grade year, if you are desiring to be confirmed at St. Albert the Great Parish, please make sure you are a registered member of the community per the parish office records. You will also “register” your child for Confirmation on the parish website. (There will be a small fee for Confirmation made payable upon this registration.)

In this year, in anticipation of receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in 7th grade, families **are expected to regularly attend Sunday liturgies and participate in 12 hours of “Family, Faith and Fellowship” (FF&F) Opportunities within the life of the parish.** These opportunities are offered through the parish in collaboration with the Director of Religious Education and will be presented to families at a PTO meeting as well as advertised throughout the school year.

During your child’s 6th grade year, if you are desiring to be Confirmed at St. Albert the Great Parish, please make sure you are a registered member of the community per the parish office records. You will also, **again,** “register” your child for Confirmation on the parish website. (There will be a small fee for Confirmation made payable upon this registration.) In this year, in anticipation of receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in 7th grade, families **are expected to regularly attend Sunday liturgies and participate in 12 hours of “Family, Faith and Fellowship” (FF&F) Opportunities within the life of the parish.** These opportunities are offered through the parish in collaboration with the Director of Religious Education and will be presented to families at a PTO meeting as well as advertised throughout the school year. **Any religious instruction needed to be confirmed will happen within your child’s religion classes at St. Alberts.**

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Those students, together with their parents, who completed all the above mentioned Diocesan expectations during the 3 years of sacramental preparation for Confirmation will be confirmed in the spring of their 7th grade year.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are a registered member of a different parish in our Diocese and desire for your child to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at THAT parish, **YOU MUST contact THAT parish EACH year during 5th-7th grades and "register" them for Confirmation. At THAT parish, you will be expected to regularly attend Sunday liturgies THERE as well as complete 12 opportunity hours within the life of THEIR parish.** Any religious instruction needed to be confirmed will happen within your child's religion classes at St. Albert's.