

Sacramental Preparation – Save the Dates



First Reconciliation
(For children in 2nd grade or above in 2019/20)

First Reconciliation/Eucharist

Parent Meeting	Sun. Oct. 20, 2019 9-10:00 am	IHM Gym
Retreat/Workshop for Parents/candidate (Choose 1)	TBA Sat., Nov. 9, 2019, 1:30-3:30 Sat., Nov. 23, 2019, 9-11:00 am	St. Ursula Spiritual Center/lower church St. Isaac's Parish Center IHM Cartwright Hall
Celebrations (Attend any 1 Celebration or any time confessions are offered at a parish.)	TBA TBA Tue. Dec. 10, 2019 7:00 pm	St. Ursula Church St. Isaac Jogues Church IHM Church

First Eucharist

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Prior to being prepared for First Eucharist, children must be prepared for Reconciliation.

First Eucharist

Parent meeting	Sun. Feb. 2, 2020, 9-10:00 am	IHM Gym
Retreat/Workshop for Parents/candidate (Choose 1)	Sat. Mar. 14, 2020, 1-3:30 pm Sat. Mar. 28, 2020, 9-11:30 am TBA	St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center Meet in IHM Church St. Ursula Spiritual Center/lower church
Celebrations (Choose 1)	Sun. Apr. 19, 2020 10:15 am Mass Sun. Apr. 19, 2020 12 noon Mass Sat. Apr. 25, 2020 4:30 pm Mass Sat. Apr. 25, 2020 6:00 pm Mass	IHM Church IHM Church IHM Church IHM Church



Confirmation

(Candidates must be entering 9th-12th grade in September, 2020)

Parent/Candidate/Sponsor

Meeting	Mon. May 11, 2020 7-8:00 pm	IHM Gym
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Parents of children preparing for First Reconciliation or First Eucharist are encouraged to attend the one of the planned retreats with their children, and also will be offered materials to use with their children at home. At least one parent or guardian is required to attend with his or her child.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Anderson, Director of Faith Formation, at banderson@immaculateheartofmary.com or Holly Dengler, Administrative Assistant, hdengler@immaculateheartofmary.com or call the Office of Faith Formation at 410-661-3820.

Sacramental Preparation is a parish, not a school or religious education, function. All parish children of the appropriate age are eligible to enroll in the parish preparation processes. If your family is not registered parishioners of IHM you should contact your parish for their sacramental preparation process. If you wish your child to receive sacraments at IHM you must get permission of your pastor first. Below is a quote from the Archdiocesan guidelines, "Signs of God's Love".

From *Signs of God's Love*, Archdiocesan Sacramental Preparation guidelines:

1. Preparation to receive a Sacrament requires that the child attended religious education classes, parochial school, or completed an Archdiocesan approved Catholic home-schooling program last year, in addition to being enrolled this year.
2. The Archdiocese requires that Sacramental preparation be separate from regular religious education and school programs.
3. Sacramental preparation at this age is to be focused on parent catechesis, so that the parent prepares his or her own children.

Vaccination notice

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and the Archdiocese of Baltimore affirm our collective commitment to providing religious education, including Vacation Bible School and Sacramental Preparation, with the safety and wellbeing of all children as our primary focus.

Although proof of immunization is not required to participate in a religious education program, you should take notice that if your child is not immunized, he/she is considered at risk for the disease or diseases against which vaccination offers protection. Vaccine preventable diseases still exist, and especially can spread quickly in child group settings, such as a religious education program. If an outbreak of the disease against which a child has not been fully vaccinated occurs during a religious education program, the child's risk of contracting the disease increases significantly.

Participation in religious education, including Vacation Bible School and Sacramental Preparation, at the Parish is completely voluntary. By enrolling a child who has not been vaccinated in religious education at the Parish, parents and guardians recognize, appreciate, and assume the risks associated with lack of immunization. This voluntary enrollment similarly means that parents and guardians understand and agree that Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and the Archdiocese of Baltimore are not responsible or liable for any disease contracted by a child who is not immunized while participating in an educational program at the Parish.