

You are Invited to Good Shepherd's Sacrament Preparation

For those receiving First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation

Today's families experience so many demands on their lives. With that in mind, we have designed family friendly, concurrent sessions for **sacrament preparation on either Friday, November 4 at 7 pm or Saturday November 5 at 9 am.**

Candidates for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, along with **their parents**, are invited to choose one of the two sessions above to begin preparing for these milestone events.

These interactive sessions are designed to be concentrated, one-on-one time with your child. Siblings are invited to attend future celebrations of the sacraments.

We will be

- ✦ Reserving seating for Confirmation and First Eucharist
- ✦ Gathering in the Church for opening prayer and an overview
- ✦ Separating into age specific groups for sacrament preparation
- ✦ Participating in activities designed to answer questions, foster gratitude, encourage service to others
- ✦ Enjoying light refreshments in the foyer following our preparations

Comfort, timely information and hospitality are the guiding values for these sessions. Everything will be provided and the sign ups are easy, with plenty of space for all.

We look forward to seeing you.

Debbie Carmody & Mary Mueller
Phone 563-5603 & 563-5310



Good Shepherd Catholic Church Reservation Form

DUE DATE: October 3, 2011

Candidate's Name: _____

How many parents will attend? _____

**STEP
1**

WHEN WILL YOU ATTEND?

We will attend on Friday, November 4 at 7:00 pm.

We will attend on Saturday, November 5 at 9:00 am.

**CALENDAR
THIS!**

**STEP
2**

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE REQUEST

Required by the Archdiocese in order to receive First Eucharist and Confirmation

(Please check the appropriate box)

My child was baptized at Good Shepherd. I understand that I do not need to provide an official copy of the certificate for your records.

My child was baptized at another church. I understand that **I NEED TO PROVIDE** a certificate bearing the parish seal for your records. *(If you do not have a certificate, call the church where your child was baptized and they will be happy to send one to you; they usually are at no cost. In turn, we will make a copy and return your original certificate on the same day.)*

Name of Church _____ City/State _____

My child attends Good Shepherd School. The school has a certificate on file. I understand that I do not need to provide a copy for your records.

My child received First Eucharist at Good Shepherd. *(for Confirmation Candidates)*
We have the information about the baptism in our First Eucharist parish register; there is no need to provide a document.

**STEP
3**

Giving us this information is *EASY!*

DELIVER the completed form to Debbie, Mary or Candi OR

MAIL it to Candi at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 12800 West 75th Street, Shawnee KS 66216 OR

CALL 563-5303 and leave a message for Debbie, 563-5310 for Mary, 563-5306 for Candi OR

EMAIL Candi at cphillips@goodshepherdshawnee.org with responses to all the questions above!

THANK YOU. YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS FORM IS APPRECIATED!

Sign Up Times and Dates for Reconciliation and Eucharist

Please come to the sacrament preparation prepared to choose **ONE DATE** for EACH SACRAMENT. **We regret that we cannot take reservations over the phone.** Times are allotted on a first-come, first-served basis at the sacrament meeting. Be assured that many options are available to serve the needs of all our families.



First Reconciliation

(Parents are welcome to receive the sacrament. Simple receptions follow all celebrations.)

Sunday, December 11	7:30 pm <i>(Parish Reconciliation Celebration,)</i>
Thursday, January 12	7:00 pm
Thursday, February 9	7:00 pm
Thursday, March 8	7:00 pm
Spring 2012 <i>(TBA)</i>	7:30 pm <i>(Parish Reconciliation Celebration)</i>

First Eucharist

Each family is invited to choose ONE of the following First Eucharist options.

Small Group Celebrations

See Schedule Below

Up to ten families will participate at one time. Children will process to reserved seats with their parents. Extended family members will be invited to sit on the west side of the church. Children are invited to bring up the gifts of bread and wine at the Offertory. They will receive First Communion from Father unless arrangements to receive from someone else are made by the parents. The names of the children will be read aloud at the beginning of Mass and during the prayers of the faithful. They will be recognized and welcomed by the community after communion at the final blessing. *Please call the office to schedule for Sunday celebrations after April 30 at the **8:00 am** or **5:00 pm** Sunday Masses.*

Saturday, April 14	5:00 pm
Sunday, April 29	10:00 am
Saturday, May 5	5:00 pm
Sunday, May 13	10:00 am



Large Group Celebration

Saturday, April 21 5:00 pm

A brief practice will precede the celebration as well as opportunities to take pictures. Children will process into the church with candlelight and their names will be read as they moved to assigned seats with their families. Children will read the Prayers of the Faithful, and each child will participate in the procession of gifts. At communion time, each child will be personally welcomed by Father who will distribute the Body and Blood of Christ. The celebration will conclude with a special blessing for the children, who will gather at the sanctuary steps after communion.