

AT A GLANCE

For parish families enrolled
in Mother of Sorrows
School:

*Do you have a child in 2nd
grade?*

YES

Register your
child in the First
Holy Communion
and Preparation
program.

There is no
need to register
your child in a
parish faith
formation
program. Your
child receives
faith formation
through the
school religion
class.

NO

There is
nothing further
that you need
to do. Your
child receives
faith formation
through the
school religion
class.

For parish families not
enrolled in Mother of
Sorrows School:

*Do you have a child in 2nd
grade?*

YES

Register your
child in one of
the parish faith
formation
programs
(family faith
formation, at-
home faith
formation or
CGS).

Also register
your child in
the First Holy
Communion
Preparation
program.

NO

Register your
child in one of
the parish
faith
formation
programs
(family faith
formation, at-
home faith
formation or
CGS).

Notes about Registration 2025-2026

We are providing separate links this year for each of the Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation programs.

Faith Formation Programs (Kindergarten through 8th Grade)

Mother of Sorrows Faith Formation Programs

To sign-up for the family faith formation program or at-home formation program offered by Mother of Sorrows, use the following links. You can sign up as a family and provide information for one or more children. Payment will be made once per family.

- [Family Faith Formation Registration Form](#)
- [At-Home Faith Formation Registration Form](#)

Partner Faith Formation Programs

For information regarding the weekly faith formation program at St. Mary's (Export), please email Joann Giuffre (jgiuffre@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

The regional CGS program continues to be supported and sponsored by Mother of Sorrows as well as several other parishes in the region and is hosted out of St. Regis. Registration for CGS will take place through the [St. Regis website](#). For more information, contact Karen McDade (kmcdade@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

First Holy Communion Preparation Program (Second Grade)

If you have a Second Grader, please register for First Holy Communion Preparation. The preparation program takes place throughout the year, beginning in September 2025.

- [First Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation Registration Form](#)

In addition to providing the information included on the registration form, if your child was baptized at a parish other than Mother of Sorrows, please begin the process of getting a copy of their baptism certificate to be submitted to the parish office, to the attention of Ellen Mady (emady@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

For non-parishioners: We are happy to help you with the preparation process for First Holy Communion. If you are not registered parishioners at Mother of Sorrows, you will need to obtain a permission letter from the pastor of the parish where you are registered stating that your child may receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion here at Mother of Sorrows. Permission letters should be submitted to the parish office, to the attention of Ellen Mady (emady@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

Confirmation Preparation and Registration (Eighth Grade): Information regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation will be forthcoming from Jacob Gindhart (jgindhart@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

Family Faith Formation and First Holy Communion Preparation Program Calendar 2025-2026

Blue – Activity for Family Faith Formation Families and First Communion Prep Families.
Families from other faith formation programs are invited and welcome.

Green – Activity for Family Faith Formation Families only.

Yellow – Activity for First Communion Prep Families only.

Date	Time	Description	Location
9/21	4:00pm	Catechetical Sunday/Teaching the Mass Formation Session. This session will bring together multiple faith formation and sacramental preparation programs, and will include food and fellowship. Parents of children with food allergies are invited to bring an alternative snack to accommodate their family's needs.	St. John's (Delmont)
9/22	6:30pm	Teaching the Mass Formation Session – <i>make-up session</i>. This session will not include food/fellowship.	St. John's (Delmont)
10/12	4:30pm	Family Faith Formation Session	Mother of Sorrows
10/15	6:30pm	Family Faith Formation Session (make-up session)	Mother of Sorrows
10/23	6-8pm	Trunk or Treat (optional)	Mother of Sorrows
10/26	4:30pm	First Communion Sacramental Preparation	Mother of Sorrows
10/29	6:30pm	First Communion Sacramental Preparation (make-up session)	Mother of Sorrows
11/9	4:30pm	Family Faith Formation Session	Mother of Sorrows
11/12	6:30pm	Family Faith Formation Session (make-up session)	Mother of Sorrows
11/16	4:30pm	First Communion Sacramental Preparation	Mother of Sorrows
11/19	6:30pm	First Communion Sacramental Preparation (make-up session)	Mother of Sorrows
11/30	After 9:30 and 11:30am Masses	Service Project (stuffing bags of straw to be given to parishioners on the 3 rd Sunday of Advent). Sacramental preparation programs will also participate in this activity.	Mother of Sorrows
12/30	After 9:30 and 11:30am Masses	Service Project (making home blessing bags to be given to parishioners on the Feast of the Epiphany). Sacramental preparation programs will also participate in this activity.	Mother of Sorrows
1/11	4:00pm	Teaching on Baptism Formation Session. This session will bring together multiple faith formation and sacramental preparation programs, and will include food and fellowship. Parents of children	Mother of Sorrows

		with food allergies are invited to bring an alternative snack to accommodate their family's needs.	
1/14	6:30pm	Teaching on Baptism Formation Session – make-up session. This session will not include food/fellowship.	Mother of Sorrows
2/1	4pm	Lent Prep Formation Session. This session will bring together multiple faith formation and sacramental preparation programs, and will include food and fellowship. Parents of children with food allergies are invited to bring an alternative snack to accommodate their family's needs.	Mother of Sorrows
2/15	After 9:30 and 11:30am Masses	Service Project (making cards for the homebound). Sacramental preparation programs will also participate in this activity.	Mother of Sorrows
3/1	4:30pm	First Reconciliation Preparation	Mother of Sorrows
3/4	6:30pm	First Reconciliation Preparation (make-up session)	Mother of Sorrows
3/11	6:30pm	First Reconciliation	Mother of Sorrows
3/18	6:30	First Reconciliation (alternative date)	St. John's (Delmont)
3/22	4:00pm	Sacred Triduum Prep Formation Session. This session will bring together multiple faith formation and sacramental preparation programs, and will include food and fellowship. Parents of children with food allergies are invited to bring an alternative snack to accommodate their family's needs.	Mother of Sorrows
3/25	6:30pm	Sacred Triduum Prep Formation Session – make-up session. This session will not include food/fellowship.	Mother of Sorrows
4/8	6:30pm	First Communion Sacramental Preparation	Mother of Sorrows
4/12	4:30pm	First Communion Sacramental Preparation (make-up session)	Mother of Sorrows
First Holy Communion Masses will be scheduled for late April and May. A sign-up link with available Mass dates/times will be sent out in January 2026.			
5/6	6:30pm	Circle of Grace Safe Environment Session for Families. Families from all faith formation programs and sacramental preparation programs are invited to this session. Parents will receive additional information about the program in advance.	Mother of Sorrows