

**St. Anthony of Padua  
Requirements for Middle School Youth  
Receiving Sacraments  
1st Year Preparation: 2010/2011**



**Mass Attendance & Homework**

As practicing Catholics, **weekly Mass attendance is necessary.** Mass Homework must be filled out weekly and turned in the following EDGE night. These small slips of paper can be picked up on Tuesdays at EDGE. It is recommended the homework is brought to Mass and filled out there. **10 Mass Homework papers must be submitted by the end of January and an additional 10 more by the end of April. There should be a grand total of 20 Mass Homework slips turned in by the end of April.**

**EDGE Attendance**

Attending EDGE nights is crucial. It provides spiritual enrichment, education, growth, and good fellowship with other Catholic youth. EDGE nights are on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:45pm in the Social Hall. No more than **3 excused absences** are permitted in one year.

**Sacrament Preparation Classes**

**1st year** sacrament preparation youth does **not** need to attend the twice monthly sacrament prep class until they enter 2nd year preparation.

**Retreats**

There are **no** required retreats for 1st year preparation.

**Baptismal Certificate:** All youth receiving sacraments must submit a copy of their certificate of Baptism. It is available at the parish office your youth was baptized or at the office of the diocese they were baptized. If your youth is receiving Baptism, a copy of his or her birth certificate is required.

**God Parents**

If your youth has already been baptized, you do not need to worry about finding God parents. *God Parents are not required for youth receiving Reconciliation and First Communion only.*

If your youth will be receiving the sacrament of Baptism, it is a good time to consider who you would like for God parents, but they are not required until 2nd year preparation.

**\*Please Note-**

***God parents will need to attend a baptism preparation class before youth receive sacraments. God parents also must be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church. They must have received sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. If they are married they must be married in the Catholic Church; if they are single, they must not be living with a significant other out of wed lock.***