

**St. Anthony of Padua
Requirements for 6th, 7th & 8th graders
Receiving Sacraments
2nd 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.**

Christian Service Hours

A minimum of 10 Christian Service Hours must be completed before Sacraments can be received. Christian Service Hours forms can be picked up from EDGE, and must be filled out for each kind of service. **Christian Service Hours forms must be completed for the service hours to count.**

Service includes: any type of volunteer work, service, or help without pay or compensation. It also **can not** be done on behalf of any family members. Christian Service Hours is about community involvement.

Some Examples Include: volunteering at church events such as Sonshine Summer Bible Camp, or other church function or ministry in need of volunteers. The church does not have to be limited to St. Anthony's. Soup kitchens, visiting convalescent homes or hospitals are also good and easy ways to obtain Christian Service Hours.

EDGE Attendance

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

Sacrament Preparation Classes

2nd year sacrament preparation youth **must** attend the twice monthly sacrament prep class. This class meets two Thursdays a month, from 6:30-7:45pm in room 17. We cover a text book for sacrament preparation and growth in the Catholic Faith. Only **1 excused absence** is permitted, as there are only 12 classes total.

****Please Note: an additional fee of \$25.00 will be required to cover the expense of materials for the sacrament prep class.**

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Required Retreats(2) for 2nd year only:

Both retreats will be held on a Saturday, to be announced.

1. Retreat for Reconciliation, where youth will be receiving sacrament of Reconciliation.
2. Retreat for final preparation for First Holy Communion.

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. However, if you wish to have a God parent, only **one** God parent is permitted.*

If your youth will be receiving the sacrament of Baptism, only 1 God Parent is required, but absolutely no more than 2 God Parents is necessary.

***Please Note-**

God parents will need to attend a baptism preparation class before youth receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil. God parents also must be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church. (They must be able to receive Communion). 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.