

RECEIVE: First Eucharist for Middle School

The sixth or seventh grader seeking the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, who has already completed one year of preparation will participate in a program designed for an age appropriate exploration of the Sacrament. ***In addition to participating in sessions, youth will complete six 'Be The Church' experiences (see below); parents and youth also participate in mini-retreat experiences to prepare more fully for the Sacraments.***

Attendance is expected at all sessions, but we recognize that illness or unforeseen family circumstances may prevent attendance. For that reason, we built in a grace for absences as well as the ability to 'swap sessions'. More information will be shared via email on session swapping.

What are Be The Church experiences? The goal of these experiences is for the participant to learn more about themselves and how the Holy Spirit is guiding them to live an active life of faith within our parish community. These experiences can be social (Youth Group), spiritual (Daily Mass, Adoration) or service (Donated Goods, Walking with Moms...). During **each program year** (JUNE 1 to MAY 31), the participant must complete **six experiences**. The participant must submit a reflection of their experiences via the link below. *No more than two experiences may be the same and one experience outside of the parish is allowed.*

[Be The Church Experiences](#)
[Be The Church Submissions](#)

SUNDAY SESSIONS Ballantyne 7 to 8 pm	TUESDAY SESSIONS Ballantyne 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Sep. 22 and 29	Sep. 24
Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27	Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
Nov. 10 and 17	Nov. 12 and 19
Dec. 8	Dec. 10
Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26	Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28
Feb. 2, 16 and 23	Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25
Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30	Mar. 11, 18 and 25
Apr. 6, 13 and 27	Apr. 1, 8, 15 and 29
May 4	May 6