

Summer 2022



Dear families:

We start our second grade sacramental preparation programs with First Reconciliation (Confession) in the Fall, then prepare for First Communion in the Spring. ***Your child must be a baptized Catholic to receive these sacraments.*** Please contact me if your child has not yet been baptized or has been baptized in another Christian tradition; I can talk with you about the options. .

Our First Communion program is a family program. Both parents and children attend classes, with children learning from our St. John School 2nd grade teachers and parents participating in discussion led by our Sacramental Prep team.

We aim to bring families together to deepen their understanding of our Catholic faith, give parents tools to talk with their children about reconciliation (the concepts of sin and forgiveness), and about the mystery of the real presence of Christ at our Eucharistic table. Our program is inclusive, and we welcome adaptations for diverse learners.

The suggested fee for sacramental preparation classes is \$75. Check or online payment (go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z5AK/campaign/C-12FJN> to pay online)

If your child was **not** baptized at St. John Church, we will need a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.

Please fill out the attached form and return it to the parish office to register your child.

All our prayers are with you!

Julia Rudden & Kim Burkhardt and the St John First Communion Team (Telia Oines & Maggie Kuypers)

Sacramental Preparation Schedule 2022-23

First Reconciliation Schedule

Opening Meeting Prayer Service for Parents and Children: in the Church

--about one hour—Date TBD (late September)

Parent and Child Classes: Children meet in East portable at St John School; parents meet in Egan Hall lunchroom/auditorium at St John School.

Four classes, and a tour of the church. Classes meet from 9:35 am-10:20 am

Sunday October 9

Sunday October 16

Sunday October 23

Sunday October 30

Reconciliation Practice, Church, Children and Parents

--about one hour— Date TBD (the week of reconciliation)

First Reconciliation, Church

Saturday November 5th, 10am-11:30 am in the church (families may leave once their child has made their confession, so end time will vary)

First Eucharist Schedule –Spring—dates to be determined

Parent and Child Classes: Children meet in West portable at St John School; parents meet in Egan Hall lunchroom/auditorium at St John School.

Four one-hour classes

Parent and Child Retreat: Bread-Making and Scroll Sharing: Egan Hall lunchroom & church

--about one hour; two time choices--

Rehearsals: Held in the Church

***Reader and gift bearer rehearsal (Children only)** – about 30-45 minutes

***Main Rehearsal (Children only)** – about 30-45 minutes

First Holy Communion, Church

All three masses of a Spring weekend, usually during Easter time, dates TBD

First Communion Registration 2022-23

Child's First & Last Name_____

Address_____

Zip_____ Best Phone for messages_____

Parent (please include birth surname if different) _____

Email Address (print clearly)_____

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Email Address (print clearly)_____

Who does your child live with?_____

Child's School_____ Grade (Fall 2022)_____

Date of Birth_____ City/State of Birth_____

Baptism Date_____

Church of Baptism_____

If your child was NOT baptized here at St. John, please provide a copy of their baptism certificate.

\$75 Suggested preparation fee includes all First Reconciliation and First Communion Classes and materials.

This fee helps defray our costs, but no one will be denied participation for lack of funds.

There is never a charge for sacraments!

Which mass do you usually attend? 5p.m.____ 8:30a.m.____ 10:30a.m.____

Is there anything else you wish to share with us about your child or your family? Questions or Concerns?