

July 2020—update!



Dear families:

We plan to hold our usual preparation classes for First Reconciliation and First Communion this year. However, due to the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, we just don't know what those classes will look like.

For our students who started prep in the Fall of 2019, we are doing a combination of at-home prep, with materials sent home via email and paper mail, and Zoom classes with our 2nd grade teachers.

If we are **unable** to meet in person this Fall, we will most likely use that same format for this year's incoming 2nd graders.

Please do go ahead and fill out the enclosed registration form, and keep the class schedule handy.

All our prayers are with you!

Julia and the St John First Communion Team

Summer 2020

Dear Parents,

Here at St. John, we begin preparation for First Communion in the Fall of our children's second grade year (about age 7).



We start with First Reconciliation 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.

First Communion will be celebrated on May 1st and 2nd at all masses!

The suggested fee for sacramental preparation classes is \$75.

Please prayerfully discern how much to contribute. No one will be denied participation. 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.

Sacramental Preparation Schedule 2020-21

Please put these dates on your calendar

(dates updated as of 9-24-2020!)

First Reconciliation Schedule

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

Monday, October 26th 7-8 p.m. – parents and children (siblings welcome)—If Virtual, you will receive instructions on how to join.

Parent and Child Classes,

Tuesday, November 3rd 7-8 p.m. – parents and children

Tuesday, November 10th 7-8 p.m. – parents and children

Church Tour – Tuesday November 17th - parents and children

Practice, Church, Children and Parents

TBD

First Reconciliation, Church

Saturday, December 5th 10:00 a.m.

First Eucharist Schedule

Parent and Child Classes, second floor St. John School

Tuesday, February 23rd, 7-8 p.m. (Touching Safety class: two groups, 7-7:30 p.m. or 7:30-8 p.m.)

Tuesday, March 2nd, 7-8 p.m. - children and parents

Tuesday, March 9th, 7-8 p.m. - children and parents

Tuesday, March 23rd, 7-8 p.m. **(This class children only; we'll need a few parent volunteers!)**

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

Tuesday, April 20th, 6-7 p.m. **or** 7-8 p.m. (your choice of session time)

Rehearsals: Held in the Church

***Sunday April 25th time TBD** rehearsal for children who are readers and gift bearers (must also attend main rehearsal! Please do not sign up your child for this unless they can attend both rehearsals.)

***Main Rehearsal (Children only): First week of May; date TBD**

First Holy Communion, Church

May 1st at 5 p.m. Mass

May 2nd at 8:30 a.m. Mass

May 2nd at 10:30 a.m. Mass

First Communion Registration 2020-21

Child's First & Last Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Best Phone for messages _____

Parent _____

Email Address (print clearly) _____

Parent _____

Email Address (print clearly) _____

Who does your child live with? _____

Child's School _____ Grade (Fall 2020) _____

Date of Birth _____ City/State of Birth _____

Baptism Date _____

Church of Baptism _____

\$75 Suggested preparation fee includes all First Reconciliation and First Communion Classes and materials. Check or cash only please. This fee helps defray our costs, but no one will be denied participation for lack of funds. There is never a charge for sacraments!

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

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?