



Important Dates on the Sacramental Calendar 2020 – 2021

An Overview of the Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Chicago:

Any student wishing to receive a sacrament (e.g. **First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation**), **MUST** be enrolled and **ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE** in a Religious Education Program for two years prior to the reception of any of these sacraments. This means a child must have attended both first and second grade in a Religious Education Program or in a Catholic School setting, before the reception of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in the spring of second grade. Students from any of the other grades can receive these sacraments, but have to go through the required 2-year process of preparation as well.

For the reception of **Confirmation**, a student must have attended, minimally, seventh and eighth grades in a Religious Education program or in a Catholic School, and have taken an active role in the preparation of Confirmation. Any questions about this arrangement can be addressed by the administrator at the Religious Education Office - Mary, Mother of Divine Grace Parish.

First Communion/Reconciliation Schedule of Events/Services:

- **Sunday, January 17, 2021 - 11:30AM - 12:30PM** ---- First Communion Parent Meeting. On-line at the Zoom Platform.
- **Saturday, February 6, 2021 – 10:00AM – 12:00Noon** --- First Reconciliation Practice at DP Church.
- **Saturday, February 13, 2021 - 11:30AM** ----- First Reconciliation Service - DP – Church.
- **Saturday, April 24, 2021 – 10:00AM – 12:00Noon** --- First Communion Rehearsal - DI – Church.
- **Saturday, May 1, 2021 - 11:30AM** ----- First Communion Mass at DI – Church.

Confirmation Schedule of Events/Services:

- Sunday, January 10, 2021 - 11:30AM - 12:30PM ---- **Confirmation Parent/ Sponsor/ Candidate Meeting Online at the Zoom Platform.**
- Saturday, February 20, 2021 - 1:00PM - 5:00PM ---- **Confirmation Retreat – On-line at the Zoom Platform. All Candidates are required to attend/Sponsors will join the Zoom Call at 4:00PM as special Guests.**
- Sunday, March 7, 2021 - 1:00PM - 2:30PM ---- **Confirmation Rehearsal at DI Church.**
- Friday, March 12, 2021 - at 7:00PM ----- **Confirmation Mass/Ceremony at DI Church.**

