



First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Parent Meeting

First Reconciliation

Date	Time and Place
SHS: Wed., January 13, 2021 Mrs. McClain's class Mrs. Grabe's class	9:30 am – 10:30 am in the church 11:45 am – 12:45 pm in the church
CFF: Wed., January 13, 2021	4:30 or 6:30 during class in the church

- Children will receive their First Reconciliation as a class (see dates above).
- Parents are invited to attend but it is not required.
- CFF parents may come to the church after they have dropped off their students for CFF class.
- School parents may come to the church at the time designated above. The school students will come to the church with their teacher.

First Eucharist Retreat for 2nd grade **ONLY - THIS EVENT MAY BE CANCELED DUE TO COVID.**

Date	Time and Place
Sat., Mar. 6, 2021	9:00 am in the parish center. (Details to follow)

- The children will learn about the Eucharist in ways that they can see, touch, taste and hear.
- We will need many parent volunteers for this event. Please sign up to help on the sheet that will be passed around at the meeting.
- Parents are not required to attend if not volunteering.

First Eucharist Mass

This year we will once again invite our children to individual reception of First Eucharist at a daily or weekend Mass. Choice of Mass times will be available after the first of the year. At that time, you will receive an email with a link to sign up for a Mass day and time that works best for you. Following is the procedure for receiving individual First Eucharist at Mass as it now stands; please be aware this procedure may be different if COVID requirements change:



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Procedure for First Eucharist at Mass:

- One pew seating 6-8 will be reserved for your immediate family. If other members of your family attend, please remember that at this time, due to the Corona virus restrictions, the numbers at Mass are limited.
- We are sorry but there is no guarantee that there will be room for extended family members to sit in your reserved pew or even that they will be able to attend if we are at capacity.
- Everyone 5 years and older is strongly encouraged to wear a mask.
- Families will enter by the north and south doors that lead directly into the church. The doors will be marked with signs. When Mass is over, you will be ushered out unless you would like a picture of your child with the priest. You may leave by any of the church doors.

When approaching communion, the faithful are to:

1. Bow and place their hands out in the usual manner

2. After responding with the usual "Amen," step to the side, pull mask down or unhook to one ear, place communion in their mouth, and pull the mask back up.

3. The consecrated Host must NOT be taken back to the pew to be consumed.

- If you wish to have a picture of your child and the priest (please no group pictures with the priest) please remain in your seat after Mass. Father will stand in front of the altar and you may send your child forward for the picture. Please know that the priest will have to respect social distancing regulations or else wear a mask. Please finish your pictures and exit the church quickly so the ushers can do their job cleaning before the next Mass.
- The priest will announce the names of the children at the beginning of Mass and a certificate and rosary will be at a special table in the vestibule. Look for a white envelope with your child's name on it. If we are able to hold the First Eucharist retreat this year, the banners made by 2nd grade children will also be in the envelope.
- Please call or email us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we navigate the uncertain days ahead. The reception of Our Lord in the Eucharist is the greatest of privileges; if we focus on that, surely this will be a beautiful and memorable day in the life of your child and your family.