

First Communion/Reconciliation

2023-2024

Who May Receive First Communion

- Second Graders or older who are sufficiently prepared in the teachings of our faith as demonstrated by Sunday Mass attendance, class attendance, and Retreat Attendance
- Who have received the sacrament of Baptism.
- And, being in the state of grace, have a sincere desire to receive the sacrament

Expectations for the Candidates

- Two years of **sacramental preparation** or the equivalent
- Attend **Sunday Mass** every weekend as well as Holy Days of Obligation
- Submit all forms, including the **Baptismal Certificate** and **Information Form**
- Bring up the Gifts at one Mass (sign up will be sent to parents)
- Participate in the **First Communion Retreat**

Baptismal Certificate

A copy of the Baptismal certificates is needed. If you don't have copies, you should request them from the church of Baptism (this still applies if the child was baptized at Holy Family). **Please return the Baptismal Certificate to the Church Office**

First Communion Retreat

The First Communion retreat will focus on Jesus presence in the Eucharist and our promise to him. The retreat is required.

Rehearsal

All children receiving First Communion must attend the rehearsal, the date and time will be listed on the Religious Education calendar.

Dress for day of First Communion

- Boys should wear dress pants, a shirt with a collar and dress shoes. Jacket and tie are optional.
- Girls should wear a white dress, veil, and dress shoes.

Important Dates:

- Information Form: DUE **October 15, 2023**
- Baptismal Certificate from the Church of Baptism: DUE **October 15, 2023**
- Retreat: March 25, 2023, 9am – 4pm; Required makeup if missed
- Rehearsal: TBA
- First Communion: **Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 11:00AM Mass**