



Wednesday, January 14 5:45 – 7:45 PM in the School Auditorium

**Parent and Student Meeting—Retreat!**

Parents and First Reconciliation students will participate in this retreat together by moving from station to station and learning more about First Reconciliation. The stations include the following topics: Jesus Wants You to Forgive, The Forgiving Father, Reconciliation, and Examination of Conscience. This will be in place of the regular 4:15 – 5:30 PM class for the Religious Education students.

Wednesday, January 21 5:00 – 7:00 PM Mass in the Church

**Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

All First Reconciliation students and parents are invited to this Celebration beginning at 5:00 PM in the Church. Immediately following individual Reconciliation, there will be a potluck dinner for the families to share in fellowship. The entire family is invited to this Celebration! The evening should conclude around 7:00 PM.

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## ● FIRST COMMUNION SCHEDULE ●

Sunday, February 8 8:30 - 9:45 AM in the School Auditorium

**Parent and First Communicant Meeting—Introduction to Program**

This meeting will provide an overview of the First Communion curriculum. First Eucharist books will be handed out, and upcoming dates and meetings will be discussed. Participants will have an opportunity to write a family prayer. Parents and students should attend together.

Sunday, February 8 10:00 AM Mass in the Church

**First Communicants and Family—Invitation to the Table of the Lord**

All First Communicants and families are invited to the 10:00 AM Mass to participate in the Parish Welcoming Rite for an Invitation to the Table of the Lord. The parish, representing the community of believers, is an integral part of the First Communion preparation process. The community will be asked to pray for the students and support them as they prepare for First Communion. First Communion textbooks will also be blessed.

Wednesday, March 11 4:15 – 5:30 PM in the School Auditorium

**Parent Meeting—First Communion Preparation**

This parent meeting will discuss the theological significance of the Eucharist and share ideas about how to make First Communion a family and community celebration. Parents should attend this session without their students. Religious Education students will be in their regular class.

Sunday, March 29 2:30 - 5:00 PM in the School Auditorium

**Parent and First Communicants—Retreat!**

Parents and First Communicants will participate in a retreat by moving from station to station and learning more about First Communion. The stations include: watching a video, baking bread, making a family chalice., and learning about the different items that are used during Mass.

Wednesday, April 1

4:15 – 5:30 PM in the Church

**Parent and First Communicant Meeting—A Walk Through the Mass**

Join us as we walk through the Mass, step-by-step. This session will give both the First Communicants and parents a chance to see why we do and say what we do at particular times during the Mass. Please meet in the Church beginning at 4:15 PM. This session will conclude at 5:30 PM. All members of the family are invited to attend this event together. This will be in place of the regular Wednesday night Religious Education classes.

Friday, May 1

4:30 – 6:00 PM in the Church

**First Communicants—First Communion Rehearsal**

This rehearsal is for the students and Sponsors ONLY; no parents please! The students (and any adults who are walking up with them) should come to the Church at 4:30 PM for the rehearsal. If you are reading at Mass, please come to Church at 3:45 PM to practice using the microphone! Rehearsal will conclude at by 6:00 PM.

Sunday, May 3

10:00 AM Mass in the Church

**First Communion**

All First Communicants and parents should report to the back of the Church by 9:30 AM. Immediately following the Mass, there will be a short reception so that the Parish Community can help welcome the First Communicants to the Table of the Lord.

