

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES 2020

The following is a list of events for the First Communicants and their families throughout this year. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend these events, even if you have had other children receive the sacrament in the past. You will learn or hear something new each time. Remember, **each child only has one First Communion.**

MASS:

The First Communicants will learn about the Mass in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist. It is important that children are attending Mass regularly to fully prepare for the Sacrament and develop their faith. They can bring their Little Mass Books being passed out today so they can practice responses.

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS

An interactive session of reflection about the Eucharist and information about helping your child prepare for First Holy Communion.

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 7 p.m. in the Bill Fortin Memorial Hall

CLASS MASS ATTENDANCE: All First Communion Classes attend

Each month I have scheduled a different grade level to attend the Family Mass at noon on the third Sunday of the month. You are encouraged to participate at each Family Mass but especially January 19, 2020 as the third graders begin learning about parts of the Mass and are practicing responses. There is a coffee social in the church hall afterwards for snacks and fellowship!

Sunday, January 19, 2020 12:00 Family Mass

MASS INSTRUCTION: MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS/PARENTS

This evening is scheduled specifically to explain the Mass, the vestments worn by the priests, and why we do certain things during Mass. Fr. Scott will answer children's and parents' questions. This will not be a Mass, but rather an explanation of our Liturgy.

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:30 in the Church

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT: MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS PARENTS highly encouraged to attend

This retreat will offer activities to enhance the learning your children are doing in Faith Formation class. The highlight for the children is making the hosts that will be used at their own First Holy Communion.

Date TBA a Sunday afternoon in March 2-4 pm Faith Formation Center

RECONCILIATION:

Children receiving First Communion should be in a state of grace for the Sacrament. It is highly encouraged that each first communicant seek the sacrament of Reconciliation close to receiving First Communion. There are three opportunities for this: (Choose one that works best for you)

1. Youth Reconciliation Service-March 30, 2020 at 7 pm.
2. Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 and Monday evenings at 7:00 during Lent (individual confessions)
3. First Reconciliation (following the 2nd graders receiving the sacrament for the first time), May 2, 10:30am

MANDATORY FOR ALL FIRST COMMUNICANTS: FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL DATES

Tues, May 5 and Thurs, May 7, 2020, 3:45-5:15 Meet in the Church Hall, pick up in Church

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION LITURGY

**Saturday, May 9, 2020, 10:30 a.m. (Children should arrive by 10:00 in the Church Hall)
Reception will follow in the Church Hall**