



RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST

INFORMATION & SCHEDULE 2024-25

All sessions 9:35-10:45 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

October 20, 2024: Parent/child meeting #1

November 17: Parent/child meeting #2

December 15: Parent/child meeting #3 & Practicum

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT: January 19, 2025

EUCHARIST

February 16: Parent/child meeting #1

March 16: Parent/child meeting #2

April 23 (6:15-7:30 p.m.): Practicum & Altar Server Training

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT: Saturday, April 26 – 4:30 pm

Sunday, April 27 – 8:30 am & 11 am

OVERVIEW OF PROCESS

Your child should be enrolled and attending the Family Faith Formation program that starts in October and goes through the rest of school year. All children will be placed into groups that are registered to receive the sacraments, whether 2nd or 3rd grade or older. There will be sacrament-specific sessions on the 3rd Sunday session.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

PARENT/CHILD SESSIONS

Each session will be in a large group format run by Fr. Joe. Each child must have 1 adult with them, and each table will have 2-3 families at each table. The morning consists of music, prayer, discussion, and activities. Each month the seating will be different so that children and parents can get to know others.

At-Home Material

At the first session for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, parents will receive a Home Lesson Booklet. Parents do not need to be experts in the faith for these lessons. The lessons are short and written at an elementary level, often involving a craft or activity. They introduce the basics for both sacraments and are designed to be taught once per week. The large group sessions taught by Fr. Joe will build on what is covered in this at-home lessons.

Practicum

The rehearsal for First Reconciliation will provide a “walk-through” with Fr. Joe. The rehearsal for First Eucharist will be held in the Worship Space to help the children and parents feel comfortable with the order of the Mass and liturgical roles for the children, such as reading scripture and prayers of the faithful, bringing up the gifts and coming around the altar during the consecration. Additionally, altar server training will be incorporated to deepen children and parents’ understanding of the Mass. Children will also be able to be altar servers for Sunday mass after their First Eucharist.

ABSENCES AND MAKE-UP

We realize that sometimes illnesses and family conflicts arise. If you cannot make a scheduled session, please contact Lukas Steffensmeier by email.

FIRST EUCHARIST DATES

There will be 3 opportunities to receive First Eucharist, based on which Mass fits your family’s schedule. Sign-up will happen on the 1st class.

For more information, contact Lukas Steffensmeier at the Parish Office at lsteffensmeier@guardian-angels.org or **651-789- 3162**. Be sure to register online before September 27, 2024.