

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

## First Reconciliation & First Communion Sacraments

### 2017-2018 Timeline

**Deadlines:**

**First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Parent Involvement** form is **November 6, 2017.**

**Sacrament Information** form including First Communion Mass choice and baptismal certificate is **January 12, 2018.**

During class - **January 6, 10, or 14, 2018**

Turn in *The Gift of Reconciliation* booklet to child's teacher, with at least chapters 1-3 completed.

**Sunday, January 28, 2018**  
**12:30-3:30 p.m.**

**First Reconciliation Retreat**  
**"Forgiveness Day"**  
**(second graders & parents)**

Turn in completed *The Gift of Reconciliation* booklet and Family Guide to child's teacher before the retreat.

*The Gift of Eucharist* booklet and Family Guide is distributed.

Reconciliation Talk:

Fr. Tom Schmidt will explain to parents how to prepare for and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Three examples of typical confessions will be presented and discussed with parents.

Includes a simple lunch.

**Wednesday, January 31, 2018**  
**4:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, February 3, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**First Reconciliation Celebrations**

Parents present your child to Fr. Tom Schmidt and/or visiting priest.

Children are expected to prepare for and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving First Communion. We want every child to have a parent present to participate in the prayer service and present their child to Fr. Tom Schmidt for Reconciliation.

During class - **March 7, 10 or 11, 2018**

Turn in *The Gift of Eucharist* booklet to child's teacher, with at least chapters 1-4 completed.

**Sunday, March 11, 2018 1:30-4:30 p.m.**

**First Communion Retreat: "Jesus Day - Day 1"**  
**(second graders & parents)**

First Communicants and their parents are invited to enjoy several activities. If need be, you may bring other children, but suggest that you make other arrangements.

**To be determined later whether parents bring a snack to share.**

**Lifetouch photo forms are distributed.**

**Banner Making Workshop - OPTIONAL**

**Sunday, March 18, 2018 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

A parent must attend with their child. Minimal fee. More to follow.

**Sunday, April 22, 2018 1:30-4:30 p.m.**

**First Communion Retreat: "Jesus Day - Day 2" with Pictures/Practice (second graders & parents)**

Bring completed *Gift of Eucharist* booklet, *Family Guide*, family pew banner, and change of clothes for your child after the photo session. Any other items (baptismal certificate, etc.) requested by the Faith Formation Office if you haven't already turned them in.

First Communicants and their parents are invited to enjoy a couple activities together. If need be, you may bring other children, but suggest that you make other arrangements.

**Begin with First Communion Pictures.**

Bring your child in clothes ready for First Communion pictures and any religious articles you would like your child to hold for pictures (crucifix, rosary, prayer books, etc.)

Lifetouch will take one large group picture which will be a wonderful memento for the parish and participants to have at **2 p.m.** **Individual portraits may be taken before the group portrait from 1:30-2 p.m.** A price list will be distributed later; pay **Lifetouch** when you place your order on **Sunday, April 22, 2018.**

Practice will be part of this day. There will be another practice for the specific Mass group immediately prior to the First Communion Mass in the St. John Paul II Room (1/2 hour before First Communion Mass).

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, April 29, 2018**

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

**Saturday, May 5, 2018**

5:00 p.m.

First Communion Mass and Reception afterwards.

Practice will be one half hour before Mass unless you are told otherwise in the St. John Paul II Room.

"Special occasion" clothes, such as those worn at Easter would be fine. You need not buy new clothes; we trust your judgment as parents.

**Sunday, May 20, 2018 1-2 p.m.**

**First Communion Retreat: "Jesus Day 3 - Mystagogy"**

**First Communicants and their parents are encouraged to attend.**

**Dates and times are subject to change.**