

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

First Reconciliation & First Communion Sacraments

2019-2020 Timeline

Deadlines:

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Parent Involvement form is **November 6, 2019.**

Sacrament Information form including First Communion Mass choice and baptismal certificate is **January 13, 2020.**

During class - **January 8 or 12, 2020**

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

Sunday, January 26, 2020
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. Brian Phelps will discuss the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the parents. He will also discuss with the parents and children how to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Includes a simple lunch.

Wednesday, January 29, 2020
4:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 1, 2020
10:00 a.m.

First Reconciliation Celebrations

Parents present your child to Fr. Brian Phelps 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. Brian Phelps for Reconciliation.

During class - **March 4 or 8, 2020**

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

Sunday, March 8, 2020 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 22, 2020 9:45-10:45 a.m.

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

Sunday, April 19, 2020 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 19, 2020.**

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 25, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 26, 2020

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 2, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 3, 2020

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.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 10, 2020 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.