

# **The First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Process**

## **Saint Patrick and Saint Columbanus Parish**

### **2024-2025**

Definitions:

**Registered member:** someone who has filled out the appropriate paperwork to be considered a member of the parish and supports the parish ministries through stewardship and tithing

**In order to participate in the First Reconciliation/First Eucharist preparation process, the family must:**

- Be a registered member of Saint Patrick or Saint Columbanus parish
- Have attended Mass regularly at the parish they belong to and been an active member of the parish
- Have participated regularly in the Faith Formation program at the parish they belong to

**In order to participate in the First Reconciliation/First Eucharist preparation process, the child must:**

- Be enrolled in the second grade (for home-schooled students, they must have started second grade curriculum. Interviews may be necessary with home-schooled students if grade-level determination cannot be made).
- Must have achieved 80% attendance in Faith Formation sessions from first grade. (This requirement is for both home-schooled and public-schooled children. Those who attend Saint Albert's do not have to attend Faith Formations sessions, although it is STRONGLY encouraged to allow the student a chance to connect with the parish they are members of).
- Must attend Faith Formation sessions during 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and have at least 80% attendance (this includes parish family events and the Faith Formation program for second graders as created by the parish).

**The First Reconciliation/First Eucharist preparation process includes:**

- 8 parent/child gatherings to learn about the Sacraments
- Attendance at a rehearsal to prepare to celebrate First Reconciliation
- Attendance at the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Attendance at a rehearsal for First Eucharist
- Participation in First Eucharist Mass
- Regular Attendance at Mass

Attendance at these above listed events is required. If more than one event is missed, the family will need to schedule a meeting with Alyssa to discuss re-committing to the process. After missing two events, a letter will be mailed to the family explaining this process.

**The family will also be required to:**

- Complete a book about First Reconciliation as a family
- Complete a book about First Eucharist as a family
- Follow the regional Sacramental guidelines

I have read and understand the requirements and expectations for the First Eucharist/First Reconciliation process.

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Parent/sponsor

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Candidate