

The First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Process

Saint Patrick and Saint Columbanus Parish

2023-2024

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 2nd 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.

Parent/sponsor

Candidate