



St. Andrew Sacramental Preparation: Reconciliation and Eucharist

October 2023

Dear Parents,

This year will be a wonderful and exciting one for your family as you join with the St. Andrew Parish in preparing your child for the celebration of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. We look forward to sharing all the gatherings and celebrations being planned for you and your child in anticipation of these special days. These gatherings are an integral part of preparation of celebrating these Sacraments. We appreciate you making this preparation process a priority for your family.

The first step in the sacramental preparation this year is for you and your child to join us at our first of three Eucharist Family Gatherings. During each gathering, we will discuss what the Eucharist means to us using language and theology appropriate for the children. There will also be a gathering for Reconciliation Preparation. During each gathering, our goal is to give you the tools you will need to help your child prepare for their First Eucharist and First Reconciliation celebrations, as well as the opportunity to experience faith formation together as a family.

We look forward to sharing this time together with you.

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*****Please see the reverse side for an outline of the SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE.*****

First Eucharist/ Reconciliation Gathering Dates:

We are aware of the scheduling challenges we all face and therefore have provided the date requirements for the preparation process below. **Please enter these important dates into your calendars**, and add the class @EUC2024 to your *Remind* app! 😊

Note: A parent/child preparation workbook will be given at the first gathering on November 15th. We ask that this book be brought to our March 6th gathering, and for the book to be completed by April 7th. ***If for some reason you are not able to attend the first gathering, you **MUST** pick up the book in the Faith Formation office.***

Date	Time	Event	Location
November 15	6:30-7:30 PM	1st Eucharist Gathering (1)	church
January 17 OR January 21	6:30-7:30 PM 1:30-2:30 PM	Reconciliation Preparation	church
January 27 OR February 3	12:00pm 12:00pm	RECONCILIATION SERVICE	church
March 6	6:30-7:30 PM	1st Eucharist Gathering (2) (Please bring your book.)	church
April 7	After All Masses: Times will be assigned 9:10, 11:10, 1:10	1st Eucharist Gathering (3) (Please bring your COMPLETED book.)	Activity Building (GYM)
April 24	4:30-5:30 PM (11am) AND 5:30-6:30 PM (2pm)	Practice ONLY for volunteers helping with Mass on April 27	church
April 27	11:00 AM (A-F) AND 2:00 PM (G-L)	1ST EUCHARIST MASS	church
May 1	4:30-5:30 PM (11am) AND 5:30-6:30 PM (2pm)	Practice ONLY for volunteers helping with Mass on May 4	church
May 4	11:00 AM (M-R) AND 2:00 PM (S-Z)	1ST EUCHARIST MASS	church