



FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION SHEET 2013-14

Below is information for families with children entering second grade this fall. As part of the preparation for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, this year's program combines both classroom preparation for children and meeting times for parents. Please mark your calendar now with these important dates.

Preparation for the sacrament of **Reconciliation**:

- **Parents' Retreat:** Saturday, October 19, 9:30-11:30 in the FSPC (school cafeteria) **OR**
Sunday, October 20, 10:45-12:45 in the FSPC
(Parents only – **must attend one**) no registration required – attend either one
Babysitting available – contact Diane Hurtuk with ages of children and date you are attending.
- **Reconciliation Retreat:** Saturday, November 16 in the FSPC
(Children only – attend one) 9:00-11:00 **or** 12:00-2:00 (choose one-limit 50
Registration forms will be sent home. children per session)
- **The sacrament of Reconciliation:** Thursday, December 5, 7:00 p.m. **OR**
(Families attend together) Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m.

Preparation for the Sacrament of **First Eucharist**:

- **Parents' Retreat:** Saturday, January 11, 9:30-11:30 in the FSPC **OR**
Sunday, January 12, 10:45-12:45 in the FSPC
(Parents only – **must attend one**) no registration required – attend either one
Babysitting available – contact Diane Hurtuk with ages of children and date you are attending.
- **Child and Parent Luncheon/Retreat:** Sunday, March 16, 12:15-2:00 FSPC
(Second grader and one or both parents – no babysitting offered)
Registration forms will be sent home.
- **Jesus Day Retreat:** Saturday, April 5 in the FSPC
(Children only – attend one) 9:00-11:00 **or** 12:00-2:00 (choose one-limit 50
Registration forms will be sent home. children per session)
- **Group First Communion:** Saturday, May 3, 10:00 a.m.
Rehearsal: Tuesday, April 29, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- **Individual First Communions:** At any mass on the following dates:
April 26-27, May 3-4, 17-18

Details about each sacrament will be discussed and home study books will be distributed at the Parent Retreats. Please plan to attend.

See reverse side for more information.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

- Child attends religion classes in school and Saturday retreats to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.
- Parents must attend retreats facilitated by Fr. Rosing and Ted Rusinoff. These are designed to increase parents' knowledge of the sacraments and develop skills that will help parents teach their children.
- Child and parents attend a luncheon and retreat on Sunday in March.
- Complete the Sacramental Preparation Registration Form, the Emergency Health Form, and the Participation Consent Form and return with fee by August 15.*
- Parents and children are strongly encouraged to attend TEAM events to help further develop their family's faith formation. If you choose to participate, complete the TEAM section of the Religious Education Form.
- Send us a **copy** of your child's baptismal certificate (if child **was not baptized** at Holy Family).

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOL

- Child attends religion classes at PSR and Saturday retreats to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.
- Parents must attend retreats facilitated by Fr. Rosing and Ted Rusinoff. These are designed to increase parents' knowledge of the sacraments and develop skills that will help parents teach their children.
- Child and parents attend a luncheon and retreat on a Sunday in March.
- Complete the PSR portion of the Religious Education Registration Form, the Sacramental Preparation Registration Form, the Emergency Health Form, and the Participation Consent Form and return with fee by August 15.*
- Parents and children are strongly encouraged to attend TEAM events to help further develop their family's faith formation. If you choose to participate, complete the TEAM section of the Religious Education Form.
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*FEES MAY BE PAID IN ONE CHECK made payable to Holy Family Parish.

If you have any questions or financial concerns, contact Diane Hurtuk at 330-688-6412 ext. 273. No one will be excluded because of financial difficulties. We are ONE HOLY FAMILY!

