

Incarnation Parish
First Holy Communion
2017

1st Communion Sacramental Preparation

Celebrating a sacrament for the first time is an important step in the life of your child as a Catholic Christian. Your child will receive the catechesis in their religion class either in the Parish school or PREP. In addition a 1st Communion Retreat is being planned for you and your child preparing for the sacrament.

- On **March 12**, we will involve the parent and child in various activities around 1st Eucharist.

Time: 12:45-3:15

Place: Incarnation Parish Center (PAC)

Who: 1st Communicant and a parent

This is a required retreat for 1st Communion.

- How do you request your child's date and mass time for 1st Communion? We will only be emailing all the parents on Monday, January 23, 2017 –at noon watch for an email from Cathy.winkofsky@incarnation.catholic.org
- You will reply to Cathy's email --- with your 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice for date and mass time. In the event that your first choice is not available and you have NOT provided a 2nd or 3rd choice, I will assume either day and any time is fine.
- We will confirm a date and mass time with you by email, within 2 weeks
- We will not accept any requests before the email is sent
- We will send you a test email in the beginning of January --- if you do not receive the email from me, please call me to inform me of your correct email address or if your email address changes throughout the year please inform the parish religious education office. If you have been

receiving emails from me concerning 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion then your email is correct in our database.

First Communion Dates

First Communions are during the regular Sunday liturgies in church. Check with family about dates now or at holiday family gatherings Choose a date & time for your child's 1st Communion (1st, 2nd & 3rd choice)

Dates and times for 1st Communion 2017

- April 29, 5:30 Mass; April 30, 9am, 10:30 & noon
May 6, 5:30 Mass; May 7, 9am, 10:30 & noon
7:30 mass is also available on April 30 or May 7 . We can also accommodate 1st Communions in the Parish Center masses either Sunday (9:30 Or 11:00)
- If your child will be receiving their 1st Communion at another parish please inform us.
Weekend and mass times are filled by 1st returned --1st selection
- 1st Communion Practice dates (required for child and parent)
5:45 PM on the Tuesday before your child's 1st Communion date
- Make sure you and your child are available for practice.
- Practice is normally 1 hour; please try to find arrangements for younger siblings.

Clothing for 1st Communion

In the past girls usually have worn their Sunday best, some families do choose the traditional white 1st Communion dress, but this is not required. For the hair a pretty bow, wreath or veil is sometimes worn. Boys usually wear dress slacks & dress shoes with a dress shirt and tie, some wear a jacket but it is not required.

Reconciliation

- When sacramental preparation is completed, and the child is ready to receive Reconciliation for the first time, you as parents have the following choices.
- Celebration of your child's 1st Reconciliation at the Parish Communal Penance
Lent and Advent Community Reconciliation Services TBA
or Saturday morning 9am in church
- Please inform the parish office of the date of the 1st Reconciliation and we will record and send you a certificate.
Cathy.winkofsky@incarnation.catholic.org

Family Faith Sharing

- Regular Mass attendance as a family.
- Discussion between parents and children at home about their religion class and religious issues/moral values and concerns heard in the news.
- Regular Prayer Time: Morning and bedtime prayer where children can pray with a parent or other family member using formal or spontaneous prayers, including those assigned for 2nd grade.
- By the end of the 1st grade, children should know by heart:
The Sign of the Cross
Our Father
Hail Mary
Glory Be
Grace before Meals
- By the end of the 2nd grade, the children should also know the:
 - Act of Sorrow

- They should also become familiar with the order of the celebration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Mass.

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