

Incarnation Parish
First Holy Communion 2016

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. As part of the formal preparation for First Reconciliation, you and your child attended a retreat. As in past years, a 1st Communion Retreat is also being planned for you and your child preparing for the sacraments.

On March 6, we will involve the parent and child in various activities around 1st Eucharist.

Time: 12:45 -3:15

Place: Parish center

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 26, 2016 –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 any day and 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.
- I will send you an 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 2016:

April 16, 5:30 Mass; April 17, 9am, 10:30 & noon

April 23, 5:30 Mass; April 24, 9am, 10:30 & noon

7:30 mass is also available on April 17 or April 24.

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.

Family Faith Sharing

- Regular Mass attendance as a family.

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
Saturday mornings 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
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.

Note: 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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