

2017-2018 Important Dates for Sacramental Preparation

- Sacrament of Reconciliation and
- First Communion

Introduction for Parents:

5:45 PM Wednesday, January 31st—Meeting held in side rooms off the
Parish Hall

Solemn Enrollment for First Communion Prep takes place during adoration
close to Ash Wednesday.

Important Dates:

#1 Special Session for kids and parents	May 2nd	6:00 to 7:30 PM
Pilgrimage to West Bend Grotto	May 5th	9:30AM-5:30PM
#2 Special Session for kids and parents	May 9th	6:00 to 7:30 PM
#3 Special Session for kids and parents	May 16th	6:00 to 7:30 PM
NEW Day One Retreat for Children	May 18th	4:00 to 8:00 PM (incl. supper)
Day Two Retreat w/ 1st Reconciliation*	May 19th	8:30AM to 2:45PM
Mass and First Eucharist	May 20th	10:30AM (Pictures begin @ 9:30AM)

Each child may bring **one guest** to the meal for lunch 5/19. I will be
looking for parents to help serve lunch and snacks!

REMEMBER:

- Please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate to the parent meeting.
- Attend mass each weekend with your child.
- Children must attend each special session and at least one parent needs to attend the parent meeting and special session for parents.

These special sessions are mandatory for children preparing for First Communion. **Please plan in advance to ensure that your child and at least one parent will be in attendance.** If you are aware of a conflict that cannot be avoided and must take priority please inform Mandie and Father Harris as soon as possible to make alternate arrangements. The Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our faith, and placing priority on your child's formation will bear great fruit in the future.

Sacramental Preparation at All Saints

First Communion ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation

Special Sessions: Meditations for Children, and Parent Meetings

Meditations for Children will include scripture themes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and for celebration of First Eucharist including The True Vine, The Found Sheep, The Found Coin, The Centurion's Servant, and The Forgiving Father.

Parent Meetings/Participation will include the following:

- Parent overview of Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation—Mandie DeVries
- Special guest speaker on the Sacramental life
- Individual Reconciliation for parents with Fr. Harris with reception following
- Rehearsal on the morning of the retreat. **First Reconciliation service will be celebrated at the end of the retreat with parents present.**
- Help to prepare and run the retreat, including preparation and serving of lunch

