

Important Dates for Reconciliation and First Communion at St. John the Evangelist Parish

Tuesday, November 18, 2008 7pm Length: approximately 1 hour
First Eucharist Family Gathering for Candidates and their Parents

Thursday, January 22, 2009 7pm Length: approximately 1 hour
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Tuesday, March 10, 2008 7pm Length: approximately 1 hour
**Reconciliation Gathering for parent and child
followed by Sorry Garment craft**

At this meeting we will pray together, provide information, and answer questions regarding the Sacrament and Service of Reconciliation. Afterward you and your child will create a felt 'Sorry Garment' to be worn by the child at the Reconciliation Service. All materials will be supplied for this craft.

Thursday, March 19, 2009 7pm Length: approximately 1 hour
First Reconciliation Service

The Church's pastoral practice calls for the celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the celebration of the Eucharist. Both parents are encouraged to attend with your child and to take part in the Sacrament. Several priests will be on hand to hear confessions. 1st Reconciliation Candidates will 'confess' to Fr. Tom.

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 7pm Length: approximately 1 hour
First Eucharist Family Prayer and Banner Night

First Eucharist candidates and parents gather to pray and to create their felt name banner which will be hung in church on the day of First Eucharist. We supply the 8 ½ x 11 felt squares and a few designs; however, we encourage families to plan ahead for stick on letters to spell last name, and any extra 'lightweight' designs that symbolize your family and can be attached to felt. This Banner will be returned to you to be cherished as a special First Eucharist keepsake.

Saturday, April 25, 2009 **Times to be announced.**

First Eucharist 'Jesus Day' Retreat

All candidates are expected to attend this Retreat Day which is filled with prayer activities. Parent volunteers are needed and welcome for this day.

Presentation of Candidates as St. John Parish extend an invitation to the Sacrament of Eucharist at 5:30pm mass

All candidates for First Eucharist will be formally presented to the parish at large during the 5:30pm mass. Children are expected to be present with their parents.

Tuesday, April 28, 2009 **6 pm Length: approximately 2 hours**

6:00 pm 1st Eucharist Potluck Dinner for Candidates and Parents

** dinner is not mandatory*

6:45 pm 1st Eucharist Rehearsal for Candidates and Parents **participation is mandatory*

7:30 pm 1st Eucharist Prayer Service for Candidates and Parents

**Here at St. John, the First Eucharist Ceremony involves special direction and timing of both the child and parent, therefore, everyone is expected to be in attendance at practice.*

Sunday, May 3, 2009 **11am mass**

First Eucharist

This is the day, one of the most sacred days in your child's life! We ask that you make time, beginning now, to prepare your child (and yourselves), both spiritually as well as physically for this blessed day. Pray with them. Share memories of your First Eucharist with them.

You will be receiving information regarding clothing, pictures etc. as the year progresses. We are here to help, please feel free to ask questions when they arise.

Questions? Contact

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