



RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST

INFORMATION & SCHEDULE 2022-23

(SEE GIFT Faith Formation general schedule)

All sessions 6:15-7:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

January 18, 2023: Parent meeting/orientation

January 25: Parent/child meeting #1

February 1: Parent/child meeting #2

February 8: Parent/child meeting #3

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT: February 15

EUCHARIST

March 29: Parent meeting/orientation

April 12: Parent/child meeting #1

April 19: Parent/child meeting #2

April 26: Parent/child meeting #3

May 3: Practice for reception of the sacrament

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT: Saturday, May 6 – 4:30 pm

Sunday, May 7 – 8:30 am & 11 am

OVERVIEW OF PROCESS

Each child should be enrolled and attending the GIFT sessions that start in October and go through the rest of fall. All children will be placed into groups that are registered to receive the sacraments, whether 2nd or 3rd grade or older.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

PARENT MEETINGS

There will be a parent information and orientation meeting In January for First Reconciliation and in March for First Eucharist. Folders with supplemental home materials and parent information will be distributed and explained. We will meet in Peter O'Neill Social Hall at tables and the evening will consist of prayer, discussion, video, and opportunity for questions.

PARENT/CHILD SESSIONS

East session is a large group format. Each child should have 1 adult with them, and each table will have 2-3 families at each table. The evening consists of music, prayer, discussion, and activities. Each week the seating will be different so that children and parents can get to know others.

REHEARSALS

The rehearsal for First Reconciliation will provide a “walk-through” with Fr. Joe. The rehearsal for First Eucharist will be held in the Worship Space to help the children and parents feel comfortable with the order of the Mass and liturgical roles for the children, such as reading scripture and prayers of the faithful, bringing up the gifts and coming around the altar during the consecration.

ABSENCES AND MAKE-UP

Since there are only three evenings of preparation, it is important that all children attend all sessions. But we realize that sometimes illnesses and family conflicts arise. If you cannot make a scheduled session, please contact Lukas Steffensmeier by email.

For more information, contact Lukas Steffensmeier at the Parish Office at lsteffensmeier@guardian-angels.org or **651-789- 3162**. Be sure to register online before October 3, 2021.