



## **RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST**

### **INFORMATION & SCHEDULE 2021-22**

(SEE GIFT Faith Formation general schedule)

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

#### **RECONCILIATION**

**January 12, 2022:** Parent meeting/orientation

**January 26:** Parent/child meeting #1

**February 9:** Parent/child meeting #2

**February 23:** Parent/child meeting #3

**RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT: March 16**

#### **EUCHARIST**

**March 23:** Parent meeting/orientation

**March 30:** Parent/child meeting #1

**April 6:** Parent/child meeting #2

**April 20:** Parent/child meeting #3

**April 27:** Practice for reception of the sacrament

**RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT: Sunday, May 1, 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.**

## **OVERVIEW OF PROCESS**

Each child should be enrolled and attending the small group GIFT sessions that start in October and go through the rest of fall. All children will be placed into small groups that are registered to receive the sacraments, whether 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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'Neil Hall at tables and the evening will consist of prayer, discussion, video, and opportunity for questions.

#### **PARENT/CHILD SESSIONS**

Each 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 Judy Foster by email.

#### **COVID 19 PROTECTIONS**

There are so many unknowns this year and we will try our best to stay informed about compensations for protecting our children. Once a vaccine is available, our hope is that most of the children will be vaccinated, but we will expect masks to be worn at all formation sessions, including sacramental preparation evenings.

For more information, contact Judy Foster at the Parish Office at [jfoster@guardian-angels.org](mailto:jfoster@guardian-angels.org) or 651-789-3179. Be sure to register online before October 6, 2021.