

ST. ANNE CATHOLIC PARISH  
**SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION**

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Anne's First Communion program! This is an exciting time for your family. During the next several months, your family will be preparing for your child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Eucharist (Communion). Please take a moment to read the following important information.

The First Communion Program is for students who are in their second year of faith formation or religious education. Your child has been placed in this program based on their good attendance & class participation during their first year and through the recommendation of the Catechist or previous school.

As parents you have the unique role in the faith formation of your child. The Church views your role as both a privilege and a responsibility that extend to sacrament preparation. It is within your family that your child has first come to know the faith. It is within your family that your child will continue to live out the faith and witness the daily example of Catholic believers.

It probably seems like only yesterday that you presented your child for Baptism. At that time, those gathered spoke their willingness to journey with you as you promised to bring your child up in faith. Your journey continues as your child prepares for First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist. Keep your child in your prayers as he/she prepares for a **lifetime of being forgiven and healed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and lifetime of being nourished at the table of the Lord in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.**

In addition to your child's classes, we are asking one parent or an adult family member to attend the Family and Parent Gatherings that are scheduled during the time of your child's class. Also, one parent or a guardian must be with the child during the Family Gatherings. Enclosed is the 2010-2011 Sacrament Preparation Schedule for RECONCILIATION and EUCHARIST. Please keep this schedule handy as a reminder of all these required parent & family gatherings.

Our First Communion team is looking forward to working with you and your child as they journey to meeting Christ in the Sacraments.

Sincerely,

Helen A. Rojas  
Children's Faith Formation  
Coordinator

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Middle School Faith Formation  
Coordinator

## 2010 – 2011 SACRAMENT PREPARATION SCHEDULE

### Required Gatherings

## RECONCILIATION

Date	Time	Place	Topic
<b>1 <u>FAMILY GATHERING</u></b> <u>All FC candidates &amp; one parent/adult family member must attend ONE gathering. No First Communion classes on these dates due to Family Gathering.</u>			
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 28</b>	<b>4:45p - 6:00p</b>	<b>Hall</b>	Sacrament Overview and Distribution of Reconciliation books
	<b>6:15p - 7:30p</b>	<b>Hall</b>	
<b>2 <u>PARENT GATHERING</u></b> <u>One parent/adult family member must attend ONE gathering. Parents attend gathering in the Hall while students attend class in the classroom.</u>			
<b>Tuesday, Oct 19</b>	<b>4:45p - 6:00p</b>	<b>Hall</b>	Reconciliation: Celebrating God's Forgiveness
	<b>6:15p - 7:30p</b>	<b>Hall</b>	
 <b><u>RITE OF WELCOME</u></b> <i>(All FC candidates &amp; parents must attend 1 Mass.)</i>			
<b>Saturday, Nov 6</b>	<b>5:00 pm Mass</b>		
<b>Sunday, Nov. 7</b>	<b>8:00 am or 10:00 am or 12:00 pm or 6:00 pm Mass</b>		
 <b>3 <u>FAMILY GATHERING</u></b> <u>All FC candidates &amp; one parent/adult family member must attend ONE gathering. No First Communion classes on these date due to Family Gathering.</u>			
<b>Tuesday, Nov 9</b>	<b>4:45p - 6:00p</b>	<b>Church</b>	Reconciliation Retreat
	<b>6:15p - 7:30p</b>	<b>Church</b>	

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

**All FC candidates & one parent/adult family member must attend First Reconciliation. Reconciliation Service is held at the same time of First Communion class session.**

<b>Tuesday, Dec 7</b>	<b>4:45 – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Church - Group 1</b>	(4:45p Classes)
	<b>6:15 – 7:30 pm</b>	<b>Church - Group 2</b>	(6:15p Classes)

## 2010 – 2011 SACRAMENT PREPARATION SCHEDULE **Required Gatherings**

### **E U C H A R I S T (FIRST COMMUNION)**

Date	Time	Place	Topic
<b>1 FAMILY GATHERING</b> <i>All FC candidates &amp; one parent/adult family member must attend ONE gathering. No First Communion classes on these dates due to Family Gathering.</i>			
Tuesday, Jan. 25	4:45p - 6:00p 6:15p - 7:30p	Church Church	Church Tour & Liturgy of the Word

**FC Candidates – RITE OF BLESSING (All FC candidates must attend one Mass.)**

**Saturday, March 5 5:00 pm Mass**  
**Sunday, March 6 8:00 am or 10:00 am or 12:00 pm or 6:00 pm Mass**

**2 PARENT GATHERING** *All First Communion Parents must attend. Retreat Registration form to follow.*

#### **LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

**“Being with Jesus in the Desert”**

**Saturday, March 12**  
**9:30 am – 4:00 pm**  
**Hall & Church**

**3 FAMILY GATHERING** *All FC candidates & one parent/adult family member must attend ONE gathering. No First Communion classes on these dates due to Family Gathering.*

Tuesday, Apr 12	4:45p - 6:00p 6:15p - 7:30p	Church Church	A Walk Through The Mass
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**4 REHEARSALS - All FC candidates & one parent/adult family member must attend assigned rehearsal.**

Tuesday, May 10	4:45p – 6:00p	Church	First Communion Rehearsal Group 1
Wednesday, May 11	6:15p – 7:30p	Church	First Communion Rehearsal Group 2

### **CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION**

Saturday, May 14	9:30 am	Church	FIRST COMMUNION MASS Group 2 (6:15p Classes)
	1:00 pm	Church	FIRST COMMUNION MASS Group 1 (4:45p Classes)