

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Parent Information Sheet

Scripture Reflection

Because you are God's chosen one, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect.

Colossians 3:12-14

All Pray: Our Father...Amen

Sacrament Registration, Calendar and Resources

- Printable resources available on the parish website at princeofpeacenm.org. Top tool bar tap Sacraments and then Reconciliation & Eucharist
- Packets are available in the Education Wing / on the Faith Formation Table

Baptismal Certificate

- Parents who have a child *not baptized* at POP or SMW must provide a certified Baptismal Certificate
- How do I request a certified Baptismal Certificate?
 - Contact the Parish Office where your child was baptized.
 - Request a copy of your child's baptismal certificate for yourself and Donna Phillips
 - Certificates can be emailed to me at dphillips@princeofpeacenm.org. Our parish fax number is (231) 744-4859. Please include the notation: Sacraments / Donna Phillips.

Three In-Person Child Sessions (May Change to Remote Learning)

- February 27th Child Session #1 9-11 am Education Wing
- March 13th Child Session #2 9-11 am Education Wing
- March 27th Child Session #3 9-11 am Education Wing

Parent and Child In-Person Retreat (May Change to Remote Learning)

- April 24th Parent/Child Retreat 9am-12noon Fr. Shafer Hall

Reception of First Reconciliation – Celebrated on Thursday, April 29th

- Reconciliation Prayer Service in Church / Scripture reading / examination of conscience reflection
- Individual Reconciliation / stations in Fr. Schafer Hall / open to children and families / 6:30-7:30 pm

Reconciliation Preparation for Parents

- As a family, stop and say hello to Fr. Godfrey before/after mass
- Tour the reconciliation room with your child / option to kneel or sit / show Act of Contrition prayer
- *Prayers children need to memorize: Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be*
- Children need to be familiar with The Act of Contrition
- Handout: A Source of Reconciliation and Joy / parent resource to explain reconciliation
- Booklet: introduce terms / and later the steps / roleplay steps for the sacrament of reconciliation
- Handout: A Brief Examination of Conscience (Based on Ten Commandments)
 - helps us to recognize sin / commandments 1-3 help us to Love God / 4-10 to Love Others
 - moral formation and a framework for an examination of conscience
- Create a Family Forgiveness Plan / pray at bedtime or mealtime / encourage your child to lead prayer

Reception of First Communion – May 15th 5:00 pm Mass OR May 16th 10:30 am Mass

- Parents have two options for Mass / 5:00 pm arrive 4:15 pm / 10:30 am arrive 9:45 am
- A photographer will offer individual and family portraits / a group picture taken 15 minutes before mass

Eucharist Preparation for Parents

- Attend mass weekly / two main parts of mass / Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist
- Booklet: My Mass Booklet / identifies parts and responses of the mass
- As a family, continue to stop and say hello to Fr. Godfrey before/after mass
- Continue helping your child develop a prayer life / encourage your child to lead family prayer
- Use children's offertory envelopes / on Faith Formation Table / encourages giving and good deeds

Closing Prayer:

Lord, give us a home filled with love. Help us to be a family that is quick to forgive and seek forgiveness. A family that prays and laughs and heals together. A family that values others more than self. A family that recognizes God's blessings during times of joy, heartache and hardship. Amen

**Contact Donna Phillips with questions or concerns at dphillips@princeofpeacenm.org
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