

# Holy Communion Preparation

## SACRAMENT INFO MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

ST. JOHN PORTICO, 2:30-3:30 OR 4-5 PM

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## PREPARATION UPDATES & OVERVIEW

All St. John parishioners desiring the reception of a sacrament within the Roman Catholic Church must register for and complete their preparation through St. John Parish. Per archdiocesan policy, sacramental preparation is the responsibility of the parish and should not be completed in the context of an academic class. Although all children registered for sacramental preparation through St. John Parish need to complete the same requirements, please note that St. John School's curriculum will not be altered in any way because of these changes.

Students enrolling in sacramental preparation are expected to have a basic foundation of formation and to be actively practicing their Catholic faith. St. John Catholic Church will be using a retreat model to prepare our youth for Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Students preparing to receive these sacraments--**and a parent/guardian**--must attend one Reconciliation retreat before making their first confession and one Holy Communion retreat before the reception of the Blessed Sacrament. Students ages 7-17 are eligible for registration.

Lunch and snacks will be provided during the retreats.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Registration will open on Sunday, October 15, 2023. Cost is \$135.00.
- We must have a copy or photo of your child's baptismal certificate. If your child was baptized in a Protestant church, a Profession of Faith MUST be made prior to the reception of Catholic sacraments. Contact the Faith Formation team for details.

## 2024 FIRST RECONCILIATION DATES

Retreats for First Reconciliation Preparation

- Saturday, January 13, 9:30-3:30, St. John Portico
- Saturday, February 3, 9:30-3:30, St. John Portico

First Reconciliation Opportunities

- Thursday, February 22, between 5:15 & 6:30
- Saturday, February 24, between 10:30 & 11:45

\*If a student needs to make his or her first confession on a date other than those listed above, please contact the Faith Formation team.



## 2024 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

Retreats for First Holy Communion Preparation

- Saturday, April 13, 9:30-3:30, St. John Portico
- Saturday, April 20, 9:30-3:30, St. John Portico

First Holy Communion Masses

- Students will be celebrating their First Holy Communion during either the 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM Masses on Sunday, April 28, 2024.
- There will be opportunities for First Holy Communion portraits to be taken in the Portico.

