

# Saint Patrick Parish

## Sacramental Program Calendar 2017-2018

Children preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of First Reconciliation (Penance) and First Eucharist (Communion) must be baptized and successfully completed first grade religious education classes in either a parish or Catholic school. If your child(ren) completed first grade in a parish other than St. Patrick, a letter from the other parish is needed from that parish indicating the successful completion of first grade. Please contact the parish office with any questions.

Preparation for First Reconciliation occurs in Faith Formation class each week from September through December, with parental support at home.

Preparation for First Eucharist occurs in Faith Formation class each week, January through April, with parental support at home.

As part of the requirements to receive the sacraments, students must attend the *Sacramental Journey Retreat* with at least one parent on Saturday, October 14, 2017 and the *Jesus Day Retreat* on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

## First Reconciliation

### Sacramental Journey Retreat

**Saturday, October 14, 2017**

In the Church  
10:00 am

The Sacramental Journey Retreat is facilitated by potter, Ray Boswell. The focus of the retreat is our loving God who helps teach us and guide us in our daily lives. Even when we disobey him, He will forgive us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through imagery, song, prayer, and creation, participants learn about reconciliation. At the conclusion of the retreat, each child decorates a pottery chalice that becomes their Blessing Cup.

### Rite of Enrollment

*(occurs during Mass)*

**Sunday, October 22, 2018**

9:00 am mass

*For children attending Faith Formation Session II and Children in Catholic Schools*

11:00 am mass

*For children attending Faith Formation Sessions I & III*

### First Reconciliation Celebrations

**Friday, December 1, 2017 at 7 pm in the Church**

*Children attending Faith Formation Session I and Catholic School should receive First Reconciliation on this date.*

**Rehearsal:** Tues., November 28 at 4:00-5:15 pm  
in the Church

**Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 10 am in the Church**

*Children attending Faith Formation Sessions II and III should receive First Reconciliation on this date.*

**Rehearsal:** Wed., November 29 ; 4:00-5:15 pm,  
in the Church

## First Eucharist

### Jesus Day Retreat

**Saturday, April 14, 2018**

In the Parish Center  
9:00 am-12:00 pm

*(Parent volunteers needed. Contact the parish office.)*

The Jesus Day Retreat prepares our young first communicants to celebrate the sacrament of the Eucharist. Children will make their communion banners, bake bread, tour the church and practice receiving both the bread and wine, which once consecrated, becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. This retreat pulls together all that they have learned so they can fully participate and join at the table of the Lord.

### First Communion Masses

**Saturday, April 28 at 10 am**

**Rehearsals:** Mon., April 23 from 3:45 pm-5:15 pm AND  
Tues., April 24 from 3:45 pm-5:15 pm

**Saturday, April 28 at 1:00 pm**

**Rehearsals:** Wed., April 25 from 3:45 pm-5:15 pm AND  
Thurs., April 26 from 3:45 pm-5:15 pm

**Saturday, May 5 at 10 am**

**Rehearsals:** Mon., April 30 from 3:45 pm-5:15 pm AND  
Tues., May 1 from 3:45 pm-5:15 pm

**Saturday, May 5 at 1:00 pm**

**Rehearsals:** Wed., May 2 from 3:45 pm-5:15 pm AND  
Thurs., May 3 from 3:45 pm-5:15 pm

**Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 11:00 am**

**Rehearsal:** Fri., May 4 from 3:45-5:15 pm

*\*One parent is required to join the children on their last rehearsal day at 4:45 pm in the Church to review logistics for First Communion.*