

First Communion Requirements

I.) Register for Faith Formation:

<https://saintmartindp.wufoo.com/forms/zyaefc2036ptql/>

A.) Choose one of the following for your child:

- a.) *Word of Life* parent guided catechesis – Online through Formed.org
- b.) Family Faith Formation (elementary) on Monday evenings in person from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- c.) First Communion class, parent with child on Sunday mornings from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- d.) OCIA Adapted for Children (children 12 and up who have not yet received First Holy Communion), Sunday mornings from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- e.) SMdP Catholic School – religious education classes received through SMdP *Faith and Life* Series
- f.) An approved homeschool religious education curriculum, such as Regina Caeli, Kolbe, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, etc.

B.) Choose one of the following as an adult education option:

- a.) Wednesday evening lecture series in person: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 - b.) Adult Bible Study in person: Sundays, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
 - c.) Adult Bible Study online: Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Microsoft TEAMS
 - d.) Adult Catechism Class: Tuesday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Choir/Overflow Room
- *** Parents are encouraged to attend at least 75% of the classes.*****

II.) Completing Coursework:

- a.) Children that are in First Grade should complete either 75% of the coursework for *Word of Life*, or have attended at least 75% of the classes for Family Faith Formation.
- b.) Children that are in Second Grade or above should also complete either 75% of the coursework for *Word of Life*, or

have attended at least 75% of the classes for Family Faith Formation or First Communion class.

- c.) For SMdP Catholic School students, assessments should not be requested until the child has completed 75% of the course work for their grade level (2nd grade on up)

*****If child is twelve years old or older, the child should attend OCIA Adapted.*****

III.) Requesting an Assessment:

- a.) Parents should then fill out the First Communion Assessment Request Form available on our website under “Sacrament Preparation”:

<https://saintmartindp.wufoo.com/forms/z17njcm20pt5qv6/>

- b.) At this point, Peggy Salas or Patty Cooper contacts Deacon Tom, Deacon Tony, or Deacon Andy to schedule an assessment.

IV.) Scheduling First Communion:

- a.) Once the assessment has been completed and passed, parents should plan to have their child attend the next available practice for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, every first Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- b.) Parents should contact Peggy Salas (psalas@saintmartindp.org) and Patty Cooper (pcooper@saintmartindp.org) to schedule the First Communion. Before scheduling, Peggy Salas or Patty Cooper need to ensure that the parents have uploaded a baptismal certificate for their child. Nothing can be scheduled until we have a copy of the baptismal certificate.

