



## SCHEDULE 2026 FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Date	Event
Week of September 14	Parent meetings during PREP class time
7:00PM Wednesday, October 8	Reconciliation Sacrament Parent Talk in Church with Sister Sheila Galligan, IHM mandatory one parent attend
Week of December 1	First Penance/First Communion Packets are due to the child's teacher or PREP Office Packet information is on website <a href="https://stjosephrc.org/first-holy-communion">https://stjosephrc.org/first-holy-communion</a>
Week of January 5	Basic Prayer & Knowledge Checklist due to child's Teacher
Thursday, February 5, 7:00 pm Church	Children celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the First time.
7:00PM Thursday, March 5, 2026	First Holy Communion Sacrament Parent Talk in Church with Father Christopher Rodgers mandatory one parent attend
TBD	First Holy Communion Portraits by appointment
Wednesday, May 6 3:30 -5:00 p.m., Church	<b>GROUP 1</b> rehearses in Church.* Children whose last name begins A through L
Thursday, May 7 3:30 -5:00 p.m., Church	<b>GROUP 2</b> rehearses in Church.* Children whose last name begins M through Z
<b>Saturday, May 9, 2026 children celebrate First Holy Communion</b>  9:00 a.m. Children gather in Daily Mass Chapel, then process into Church for <b>9:30 a.m. Mass – Group 1</b> – children whose last name begins A~L  11:30 a.m. Children gather in Daily Mass Chapel, then process into Church for <b>12:00 noon Mass – Group 2</b> – children whose last name begins M~Z	
<b>Parish May Procession</b>	ALL PARISHONERS INVITED TO ATTEND First Communicants please attend wearing First Communion Finery.

- \* Please make arrangements early to have your child at practice. There is only ONE practice for each group. Your child attends the practice which corresponds with the Mass during which they receive their First Holy Communion. May we suggest that you pick your child up at school or arrange carpooling so that everyone is on time. Early dismissal from school for Communion Practice is an acceptable excuse. Please also remember to give your child a snack before practice. At the end of practice, children **MUST** be picked-up in the Church. Thank you.

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## Schedule for Reconciliation

**Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 7:00 pm - All children**

\*\*\*\* Note: The rite of Penance will begin promptly at 7:00p.m.  
Please arrive early enough to pick up your child's certificate envelope in the John Neumann room. The children will all sit together and their family and friends will be seated in the remainder of the available pews.  
There will be NO seating in pews where confessions are being heard. We are fortunate to have 8-10 priests available to hear Confessions.  
The children will be invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, then return to their pew where they will pray the Penance the priest has given them. When finished with the penance, catechists and teachers will help them find you. After all the children have received the Sacrament for the first time, family members are encouraged to receive this Sacrament of God's love and forgiveness as well. Thank you.

### Dress Code for First Reconciliation

We ask that the children dress respectably for Church and the reception of a sacrament.

Please respect your child's privacy;

there is **NO** picture taking, video or audio taping during the sacrament.

## Schedule for First Holy Communion

**Rehearsals:**

**Wednesday May 6 - 3:30 -5:00 p.m., Church**

**GROUP 1** - Children whose last name begins A through L

**Thursday, May 7 - 3:30 -5:00 p.m., Church**

**Group 2** – Children whose last name begins M through Z

**Saturday, May 9, 2026 children receive First Holy Communion**

**9:30a.m. Mass: GROUP 1** - Children whose last name begins A through L

Children should arrive at the Daily Mass Chapel (Church) by 9:00 a.m. Parents, family and friends may go directly to the Church.

**12:00 noon Mass: GROUP 2** - Children whose last name begins M through Z

Children should arrive at the Daily Mass Chapel (Church) by 11:30 a.m. Parents, family and friends may go directly to the Church.

### Dress Code for First Holy Communion

**Boys:** dress shirt (any color)  
tie (any color)  
suit or sport jacket (any color)  
dress slacks  
dress shoes

**Girls:** white dress  
white socks or tights  
dress shoes  
*optional: veil*

**NO sneakers, gloves, rosaries, jewelry, purses or flowers, please!**

During the Liturgy, there is **NO** video or picture taking.

Each family will receive a link to professional video.

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