

Looking Ahead.....

to Reconciliation and First Communion
at St. John the Evangelist Parish

Tuesday, January 18, 2011 7pm Length: approximately 1 hour

First Eucharist Family Gathering for Candidates and their Parents in church

Tuesday, March 22, 2011 7pm Length: approximately 1 hour

Reconciliation Gathering for parent and child followed by Sorry Garment craft

At this meeting we will pray together, provide information, and answer questions regarding the Sacrament and Service of Reconciliation. Afterward you and your child will create a felt 'Sorry Garment' to be worn by the child at the Reconciliation Service. All materials will be supplied for this craft.

Tuesday, March 29, 2011 7pm Length: approximately 1 hour

First Reconciliation Service

The Church's pastoral practice calls for the celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the celebration of the Eucharist. Both parents are encouraged to attend with your child and to take part in the Sacrament. Several priests will be on hand to hear confessions. 1st Reconciliation Candidates will 'confess' to Fr. Tom.

Sunday, April 3, 2011 11am mass

Presentation of the Candidates to the Parish

The candidate's will be called forward at mass to be presented to the parish. The parishioners will pledge their support by issuing an invitation to 1st Communion on May 1st.

Tuesday, April 19, 2011 7pm Length: approximately 1 hour

First Eucharist Family Prayer and Banner Night

First Eucharist candidates and parents gather to pray and to create their felt name banner which will be hung in church on the day of First Eucharist. We supply the 8 ½ x 11 felt squares and a few designs; however, we encourage families to plan ahead for stick on letters to spell last name, and any extra 'lightweight' designs that symbolize your family and can be attached to felt. This Banner will be returned to you to be cherished as a special First Eucharist keepsake.

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**Saturday, April 30, 2011 8:00am Mass; 9:00am Breakfast;
9:45am Practice; Retreat (for candidates only) 10:30am – 2:30pm**

First Eucharist Family Mass, Breakfast, Practice, and ‘Jesus Day’ Retreat

Parents & Candidates will attend the 8am mass together followed by breakfast in Letterst Hall and Rehearsal in church. After rehearsal parents may leave and candidates will stay to enjoy their ‘Jesus Day’ Retreat activities.

It is mandatory that all candidates attend this Retreat Day which is filled with prayer activities. Athletic activities are not an excuse for not attending the Retreat Day.

Sunday, May 1, 2011 11am mass

First Eucharist

This is the day, one of the most sacred days in your child’s life! We ask that you make time, beginning now, to prepare your child (and yourselves), both spiritually as well as physically for this blessed day. Pray with them. Share memories of your First Eucharist with them.

You will be receiving information regarding clothing, pictures etc. as the year progresses. We are here to help, please feel free to ask questions when they arise.

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