

KEY 2023-2024 DATES FOR SECOND YEAR CANDIDATES FOR FIRST COMMUNION

Families can complete our First Communion **Family Preparation Activities** over the course of the two-year preparation period.

For details on each of the **Family Preparation Activities**, refer to the document, **STEPS IN THE PREPARATION PROCESS FOR FIRST COMMUNION**, available on the First Communion Preparation website page, <https://www.holyfamilyparish.org/first-communion/>. If you have any questions, please email kmchale@holyfamilyparish.org

Schedule for Second Year Candidates Date

1. **Regular attendance at weekend liturgy** – worshipping as a family is an important part of the preparation process. We are asking both our first and second year candidates to attend our Family Masses celebrated at the 9:00 am Mass on the following dates:
September 17 (11:00 am), **October 15**, **November 5**, **January 21**, **February 11**, **March 17**, **April 21** and **May 12**.
2. **Celebration of First Reconciliation** on **Wednesday, Feb 28, 2024** at 630-7:30 pm in the Church.
3. **First Eucharist Retreat**. Choose one of the two options
Option 1: **Live event** on **Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 2:30-5:00 pm** at Holy Family
Note: The retreat is designed for the children. We will need parents to volunteer to help with this event.
Option 2: **An online format** families can do at home at their own pace. This format includes pre-recorded video presentations families watch together, projects families complete together and prayer experiences for families to do at home.
4. **Celebration of Baptism** for unbaptized candidates or **Celebration of A Profession of Faith** (for candidates baptized in a Christian Church that was not Catholic (i.e. Evangelical, Lutheran, Episcopalian...)) on **Sunday, April 21, 2024** at the 9:00 am Family Mass.

Once you have completed all the preparation steps, we invite you to schedule a date to celebrate First Communion.

5. **Celebration of First Communion** – choose one
Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 10:30am (Class Mass); **Rehearsal – Thursday, May 2, 5:30pm**
Sunday, May 5, at the 9:00 or 11:00 am - Parish Masses (Designed for small groups)
Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 10:30 am (Class Mass); **Rehearsal – Thursday, May 9, 5:30 pm**

NOTE: If you missed the **Parent meeting**, the **Rite of Welcome** or the **Presentation of the Our Father** last year, you must attend them this year to complete those steps.

- **Parent Meeting**, Wednesday, **September 27, 2023** 7:00-8:30 pm in the Church
- **The Rite of Welcome** – Saturday, **October 21, 2023** at the 5:00 pm Mass
- **Presentation of the Our Father**, **Sunday, Jan 21, 2024** at the 9:00 am FM.