



## First Reconciliation/First Communion Information and Requirements

September 2026



- **Baptism** – Your child must have received the sacrament of baptism *prior to* the first day of their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade school year.
- **Classroom time** -Child should have at least one full year of classroom instructions *prior to* receiving these sacraments.
- **Mass of Promise** on Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 OLL OR 10am Holy Cross. (You can choose either Mass to attend)
- **Parent Meeting** Immediately following the 10am Mass of Promise on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross Church.
- **Class Attendance-** Attendance is required at every class. If student misses because of an illness, contact the teacher for makeup work.
- **First Communion Candidate Form-** due November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2027. This information is needed to complete the sacramental books, so all the information must be accurate. Include a copy of the baptismal certificate with the form. (See exceptions for baptismal certificates).
- **Workshops-** Monday Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 6pm and Saturday Mar 6<sup>th</sup>, 2027 at 1pm There are 2 required parent/child workshops for the sacraments. These meet the archdiocesan requirements for retreats before receiving a sacrament. The first one is a reconciliation workshop in November and the second is a retreat for First Communion. Both are held at DSCS.
- **Mass Attendance-** - Students are obligated to attend weekend Masses starting Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026. There will be a white binder at each of the cluster parishes to sign in. If they attend a Catholic Mass\* at a different location, parents can email me the name and date of parish they attended.

*\*Please note that there is a difference between a Catholic Mass and a service of a different Christian faith. If your child has parents of different faiths, they must attend at least 50% of the weekend obligations at a Catholic Mass.*