

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church – First Communion

Level 2 – Sacrament Preparation Information Sheet

2018-2019

ITEMS TO TURN IN

- Parish Record
- Parent Commitment Form
- Baptismal Picture
- *Baptismal Certificate
(*This is only required if this is your child's first sacrament at St. Joseph the Worker.*)

Items are due to the Parish Office by
October 1, 2018.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- The majority of Simple Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation will take place within Level 2 Faith Formation classes throughout the entire year. *Please make every effort to have your child in attendance regularly, so that they can be properly prepared for these Sacraments.*
- Plan to attend weekly Mass as a family.
- Volunteer to bring up the gifts at Mass.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If at any time you have questions, please feel free to contact the parish office, your child's Faith Formation teacher, Mrs. Anderson, or the 2nd Grade Sacrament Coordinator –
Cindy Essex (217)299-0534,
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PARENT & CHILD ENRICHMENT DATES

Level 2 students will have 2 enrichments, 1 prayer partner mass, and 1 practice to prepare for Simple Reconciliation and First Communion. Each enrichment has a Sunday or Wednesday option. Please choose the one that is most convenient for your family. Children must have at least one parent stay with them. All sessions will be meet in Kollross Hall.

ENRICHMENT #1

Sunday, February 24, 2019: 9:15-10:15am

OR

Wednesday, February 27, 2019: 6:30-7:30om

PRAYER PARTNER MASS

Saturday, March 9, 2019: 4:30 mass

ENRICHMENT #2

Wednesday, April 3, 2019: 6:30-7:30om

OR

Sunday, April 7, 2019: 9:15-10:15am

FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE

Sunday, April 28, 2019: 11:45am

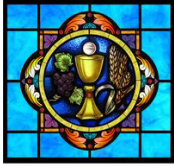
(This practice will take place in the sanctuary.)

SIMPLE RECONCILIATION

**Saturday, April 13, 2019
10:00am**

FIRST COMMUNION

**Saturday, May 4, 2019
1:00pm**

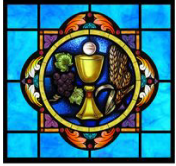


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Level 2 – Sacrament Preparation Program Overview

2018-2019

	<u>Enrichment #1</u>	<u>Prayer Partners</u>	<u>Enrichment #2</u>	<u>Simple Reconciliation</u>	<u>1st Communion Practice</u>
When?	<p>Sunday February 24, 2019 9:15am-10:15am</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Wednesday February 27, 2019 6:30pm-7:30pm</p>	<p>Saturday March 9, 2019</p> <p>4:30 Mass followed by Dinner</p> <p>Meet in O'Hara Fellowship Hall at 4:15 for a picture and to line up.</p>	<p>Wednesday April 3, 2019 6:30pm-7:30pm</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Sunday April 7, 2019 9:15am-10:15am</p>	<p>Saturday April 13, 2019 10:00am</p> <p>(*Please be timely as we will begin promptly at 10am.)</p>	<p>Sunday April 28, 2019 11:45am</p> <p>We will begin as soon as 10:30 mass is over.</p>
Who?	<p>First Communion Children and at least one parent must be present.</p>	<p>First Communion Children and their entire family are welcome!</p>	<p>First Communion Children and at least one parent must be present.</p>	<p>First Communion Children and their entire family!</p>	<p>First Communion Children</p>
What?	<p>We will discuss the sacrament of Reconciliation at this Enrichment. We will also practice what to do during the sacrament to prepare children for their Simple Reconciliation. Finally, we will make our prayer partners for the Prayer Partner mass.</p>	<p>All First Communion families are invited to attend the All Class Mass and a parish potluck. Children will process in as a group to present their Prayer Partner chalices and then will join their families to celebrate mass and dinner.</p>	<p>First Communion children will have a brief lesson on the history, significance, and meaning of First Communion. They will also make their banners at this Enrichment Session.</p> <p>All materials are available to make the banners and no outside materials, except a picture of your child, are allowed</p>	<p>Children will draw numbers as they enter giving the order to receive Reconciliation.</p> <p>The whole family is encouraged to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.</p> <p>Please wear clothing that is neat and respectful for a special church service.</p>	<p>First Communion children will practice the procession and process for receiving Eucharist at this session. It is <u>very</u> important to attend so your child knows what to do on the day of First Communion.</p> <p>Parent should return to church at 12:30 for a short parent meeting.</p>
Need?	<p>Small Wallet Size Picture of Child</p>	<p>Bring a side dish to share for the Parish Potluck!</p>	<p>Small Wallet Size Picture of Child</p>	<p>Nothing!</p>	<p>Nothing!</p>



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Level 2 – General First Communion Information

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Sunday Obligation:

Does this fulfill my Sunday Obligation? We will use the Sunday Readings and take up a collection, so you may choose to have it fulfill your obligation for the weekend. Please remember though that your child is receiving an amazing gift in their First Communion and will be excited to come back to celebrate his or her 2nd Communion so be sure to give them the opportunity to receive the Eucharist again as soon as possible.

Clothing Choices:

Girls – Girls typically wear a white First Communion dress. They may wear veils or simple hair pieces, but we ask that they not wear hats. We do not permit gloves when receiving First Communion. If your daughter has new shoes, please practice walking in them, especially if they have heels of any height.

Boys – Boys should wear a nice shirt and dress slacks with a tie. They may wear a suit, but the church is often warm, so we suggest no jackets or sweaters. Any ties that are worn should be simple (i.e. – avoid “character” ties).

Pictures:

There will be no pictures or videos taken during Mass. This means no pictures/videos taken while the children are processing in until after they process out. Individual pictures will be offered that will be taken before or after Mass in the Day Chapel with a group picture being taken just before Mass.

Seating:

After the group picture is taken, we will take the children down to the Fellowship Hall to line them up. The children will process in together and sit together as a class.

Banners:

The banners will be yours to take after the First Communion Mass. They will hang for the week prior to First Communion. Please don't forget to get yours.

First Communion Countdown Calendar - 2019



Dear First Communicant,

It's thirty days until your First Communion! Each day, you will find something to do to help you get ready. Some of the activities are drawing, talking, singing, praying, planning, writing, and doing nice things for others, especially the people in your family. Dinnertime is a good time to do the talking activities, or choose another time when your family is all together. Ask Mom or Dad to help you set up a time.

Get ready. First Communion Day is coming!

<p>April 7, 2019</p> <p>Make plans to go to Mass as a family.</p>	<p>April 8, 2019</p> <p>Say you are sorry to someone you were not nice to.</p>	<p>April 9, 2019</p> <p>Talk about the day you were baptized. What church was it? Who was there?</p>	<p>April 10, 2019</p> <p>Draw a picture of your family having fun together. Hang it where everyone can see it.</p>	<p>April 11, 2019</p> <p>Share something you have with someone who needs it.</p>	<p>April 12, 2019</p> <p>Let each person in the family decide one good deed to do tomorrow.</p>	<p>April 13, 2019</p> <p>Tell about the good deed you did that you talked about yesterday.</p>
<p>April 14, 2019</p> <p>At church this Sunday, give the sign of peace to five people.</p>	<p>April 15, 2019</p> <p>Write to your Godmother and Godfather and invite them to come to your communion.</p>	<p>April 16, 2019</p> <p>Say thank you to someone in your family when they do something nice for you today.</p>	<p>April 17, 2019</p> <p>Surprise someone in your family by hiding a treat where they are sure to find it. (Watch out for bugs!)</p>	<p>April 18, 2019</p> <p>If you are watching TV tonight, let someone else have a turn to decide what to watch.</p>	<p>April 19, 2019</p> <p>Go for a walk or ride with someone in your family and notice signs of God's creation.</p>	<p>April 20, 2019</p> <p>Write a letter to a relative or older friend and tell them you are getting ready for your communion. Ask them to pray for you.</p>
<p>April 21, 2019</p> <p>Walk up to communion with Mom or Dad this Sunday and watch, up close, how they receive the sacrament. Later ask them why communion is important to them.</p>	<p>April 22, 2019</p> <p>Make place cards or special family meal. On the inside, write one thing you especially like about that person.</p>	<p>April 23, 2019</p> <p>Pray before dinner tonight while holding hands.</p>	<p>April 24, 2019</p> <p>Ask your mom or dad about their First Communion Day, and what made it special.</p>	<p>April 25, 2019</p> <p>Draw a picture of Jesus teaching the disciples the "Our Father." Say that prayer after you finish the picture.</p>	<p>April 26, 2019</p> <p>Make a memory box for your First Communion. Decorate the outside. Put in it all the special things (church bulletin, pictures) to help you remember this day.</p>	<p>April 27, 2019</p> <p>Read the story of the Last Supper in your religion book or Children's Bible. Pass around bread at dinner tonight, and remember Jesus.</p>
<p>April 28, 2019</p> <p>Say a prayer before you go to sleep tonight, and think of the best thing that happened today.</p>	<p>April 29, 2019</p> <p>Look up the word, "Eucharist" in the dictionary. What does the word mean? Tell someone in your family when you find out.</p>	<p>April 30, 2019</p> <p>Clean your room today. Make a communion decoration for your door.</p>	<p>May 1, 2019</p> <p>Make up a song about God, or sing your favorite one from church.</p>	<p>May 2, 2019</p> <p>Skip on your way home from school today. Communion day is coming!</p>	<p>May 3, 2019</p> <p>Pray for peace. Try not to fight all day.</p>	<p>May 4, 2019</p> <p>Wake up! It's communion day! Get ready!</p>

Important Prayers to Learn & Practice

Sign of the **Cross**

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

The **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread;
and forgive us
our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
And lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among
women,
and blessed is the
fruit of your womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now, and at the hour
of our death.
Amen

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning,
is now,
and ever shall be
world without end.
Amen

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins
with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.
Amen

**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
FAITH FORMATION
SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST**



INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THE PARISH RECORD

PLEASE PRINT

CHILD _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

DATE OF BIRTH _____ **AGE** (at Solemn Reconciliation) _____ **MALE OR FEMALE** _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____
(CITY) (STATE)

DATE OF BAPTISM _____

CHURCH OF BAPTISM* _____

CHURCH ADDRESS _____
(STREET)

_____ *(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)*

PARENTS _____
(FATHER) FIRST LAST

_____ *(MOTHER) FIRST MAIDEN NAME LAST*

HOME ADDRESS _____
(STREET)

_____ *(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)*

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____
(HOME) (CELL)

**SIMPLE RECONCILIATION: APRIL 13, 2019 – 10:00AM
FIRST EUCHARIST: MAY 4, 2019 – 1:00PM**

** If your child was baptized at a church other than St. Joseph the Worker in Chatham and has not received another sacrament at our parish, you will need to include a copy of his or her Baptismal Certificate.*

Catholic Community of St. Joseph the Worker Chatham, IL

Parent's Commitment Form

Recognizing that my involvement as a parent is of special importance in helping to prepare my child for the sacrament of First Communion, I promise ...

1. To see that my child attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and to accompany my child to Mass.
2. To see that my child attends all Faith Formation Sessions, Enrichment Sessions and necessary practices.
3. To attend the Parent Sessions and Enrichment Sessions.
4. To support and encourage my child in preparation by participating in family activities and by assisting with all home assignments.
5. To help my child learn the basic prayers that I will receive and responses for the celebration of the sacraments.
6. To pray for and with my child, as well as, reading the Bible with him/her.
7. To continue sharing the gift of myself and the gift of faith with my child, our family and with the parish community, even after my child's Simple Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Child's Name: _____

Father's Signature

Date

Mother's Signature

Date