

St. Kateri Parish
Religious Education

First Communion I & II

We believe that preparing children for Reconciliation and Eucharist is a wonderful opportunity for families. The early years of Faith Formation are formative for the whole family and provide a beautiful opportunity to reflect on how God has been present in their lives and to encounter Him in a meaningful way. We try to meet families where they are and help each family move forward on their faith journey.

Preparation for First Reconciliation and Eucharist is a 2 year program, First Communion I (FCI) and First Communion II (FCII). All students must attend FCI prior to moving on to FCII, regardless of grade. The exception being children that attend catholic school, they only need attend FCII.

Our preparation program consists of both “at church” workshops for both Parents and children as well as “at home” textbook work. Parents play an integral role in the preparation of their child, they are the first teachers of the Faith. We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the winter and First Eucharist in the spring of their FCII year.

Requirements:

- Children must have been baptized Roman Catholic – Baptismal certificate is required for those not baptized at either St. Peter’s or St. Kateri.
- Families should be regularly attending weekly Mass. Children will sign in at Mass and must attend at least 80% of the time throughout the year, including non-class weeks.

First Communion I – Students and a parent will participate in four parent child workshops throughout the year and be given at home materials in between.

First Communion II – We begin preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Preparation for receiving Reconciliation involves three parent–child workshops in the Fall/Winter and reception of first Reconciliation in January or February. Preparation for receiving Eucharist involves four parent child workshops in the Winter/Spring. First Eucharist is celebrated in April or May.

The workshops will take the place of weekly classes for the students. Each workshop features a mix of prayer, hands on activities, and conversation, during which the parents and children are together some of the time and separated some of the time. At least one parent is required to accompany their child to each workshop.