

Requirements for Students Receiving First Reconciliation & First Communion

Below are requirements for Students who are receiving these Sacraments this year:

- Student should be in the 2nd grade or above and at least 7 years old.
- Student must be enrolled in religious education program for at least one year prior (1st grade RE or Catholic school). If student was not enrolled in RE prior please contact Beth Geis (holyfamilybeth@gmail.com) to determine eligibility.
- Students should participate in Mass on Sundays, even during the dispensation.
- Families must be Parishioners at Holy Family Church.

In addition, students should have knowledge of:

- How to behave during Mass.
- Make the Sign of the Cross
- How to pray Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.
- Before First Reconciliation the student will need to be able to pray Act of Contrition and do an examination of conscience.
- Reverence for Mass and the Eucharist.

Requirements for Parents Whose Children are Receiving First Reconciliation & First Communion

Canon 914: It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession; it is also for the pastor to be vigilant lest any children come to the Holy Banquet who have not reached the use of reason or whom he judges are not sufficiently disposed.

- Your family must be registered at a church at Holy Family Parish.
- Families should be practicing their faith according to the precepts of the Catholic Faith. If you come across a way to help your child see faith, come about at home, please take advantage of that time. Helping a family in need, doing good for another person etc. Explain to them why it is important for them to do these things as well.
- Make sure your student is attending mass as much as possible; preferably every weekend.
- Make sure your student is attending class on Wednesday evening.
- Although your student is attending class, please work with your students at home making sure they understand the requirements, but mainly the Sign of the Cross, knowing how to pray the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition & Examination of Conscience.
- Student/Parent must turn in a copy of Baptism certificate, if not baptized at Holy Family Parish.
 - Student/Parent must turn in the First Communion Registration Form with all the Information including on that.
- There will be resources at the end of the packet regarding a few things you can do at home with your student. Please take a look at these and use them.