



## **St. Andrew Sacramental Preparation: Reconciliation and Eucharist**

October 2026

Dear Parents,

This year will be a wonderful and exciting one for your family as you join with the St. Andrew Parish in preparing your child for the celebration of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. We look forward to sharing all the gatherings and celebrations with you and your child in anticipation of these special days. These gatherings are an integral part of the preparation of celebrating these Sacraments. We appreciate you making this preparation process a priority for your family.

The first step in the sacramental preparation this year is for **you and your child** to join us at our first of three **Eucharist Family Gatherings**. During each family gathering, we will discuss what the Eucharist means to us using language and theology appropriate for the children. There will also be a family gathering for Reconciliation Preparation. During each family gathering, our goal is to give you the tools you will need to help your child prepare for their First Eucharist and First Reconciliation celebrations, as well as the opportunity to experience faith formation together as a family.

\*\*\*If you need to make changes to your First Communion celebrations date/time, you are welcome to, but please wait to reach out until you have received your invitation at our Reconciliation Preparation dates in January.

We look forward to sharing this time together with you.

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**\*\*Please see the reverse side for an outline of the SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE. \*\***

# First Eucharist/ Reconciliation Gathering Dates:

We are aware of the scheduling challenges we all face and therefore have provided the date requirements for the preparation process below. **Please enter these important dates into your calendars.**

## **Important Notes:**

A **parent/child** preparation workbook will be given at the first gathering on **November 18<sup>th</sup>.**

There is a **Sunday Mass Journal** on the **inside back cover of the book** that is also to be completed.

We ask that this book be brought to our **March 10<sup>th</sup>** gathering.

The preparation book and Sunday Mass Journal are to be **completed** by our final gathering on **April 11<sup>th</sup>.**

\*\*\*If for some reason you are not able to attend the first gathering, you **MUST** pick up the book in the Faith Formation office.\*\*\*

| Event                                                                                       | Date                                                | Time                                                                                     | Location                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Gathering (1)</b>                                               | <b>November 18</b>                                  | <b>6:30-7:30 PM</b>                                                                      | <b>church</b>                             |
| <b>Reconciliation Preparation</b>                                                           | <b>January 20</b><br><b>OR</b><br><b>January 24</b> | <b>6:30-7:30 PM</b><br><br><b>1:30-2:30 PM</b>                                           | <b>church</b>                             |
| <b>RECONCILIATION SERVICES</b><br>Pick the date that works for your family.                 | <b>Jan. 27</b><br><b>Jan. 28</b><br><b>Jan. 31</b>  | <b>6:30pm</b>                                                                            | <b>church</b>                             |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Gathering (2)</b><br><b>(Please bring your book.)</b>           | <b>March 10</b>                                     | <b>6:30-7:30 PM</b>                                                                      | <b>church</b>                             |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Gathering (3)</b><br><b>(Please bring your COMPLETED book.)</b> | <b>April 11</b>                                     | <b>After All Masses:</b><br><b>9:10 (A-F)</b><br><b>11:10 (G-M)</b><br><b>1:10 (N-Z)</b> | <b>GATHERING SPACE</b><br><b>(church)</b> |
| Practice <b>ONLY</b> for <b>volunteer children</b> helping with Mass on <b>May 1</b>        | <b>April 28</b>                                     | <b>4:30-5:30 PM (11am)</b><br><b>5:30-6:30 PM (2pm)</b>                                  | <b>church</b>                             |
| <b>1<sup>ST</sup> EUCHARIST MASS</b>                                                        | <b>MAY 1</b>                                        | <b>11:00 AM (A-D)</b><br><b>AND</b><br><b>2:00 PM (E-K)</b>                              | <b>church</b>                             |
| Practice <b>ONLY</b> for <b>volunteer children</b> helping with Mass on <b>May 8</b>        | <b>May 5</b>                                        | <b>4:30-5:30 PM (11am)</b><br><b>5:30-6:30 PM (2pm)</b>                                  | <b>church</b>                             |
| <b>1<sup>ST</sup> EUCHARIST MASS</b>                                                        | <b>May 8</b>                                        | <b>11:00 AM (L-Q)</b><br><b>AND</b><br><b>2:00 PM (R-Z)</b>                              | <b>church</b>                             |