

## ***First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Schedule 2025-2026***

| <b><i>Date</i></b>   | <b><i>Time</i></b> | <b><i>Requirements/Event</i></b>  | <b><i>Location</i></b>                 | <b><i>Notes</i></b>   |
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| <b>Before registering or enrolling for Sacramental Preparation</b> |                    | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Previous and Current Attendance in Faith Formation</u></b></p> <p>Before being considered a candidate for sacraments, your child must have reached the age of reason (at least 7 years of age) and currently be enrolled in a faith formation program through the parish or Catholic School. A child receives these first sacraments after the family, the pastor, and the faith formation leaders have discerned that there is a sacramental readiness.</p>   | OLF Faith Formation or Catholic school |   |
| <b>Before September 15, 2025</b>                                   |                    | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Enrollment</u></b></p> <p>Enroll your child in Sacramental Preparation by completing online application:<br/> <a href="https://www.ourladyofthefields.org/first-sacraments-preparation">https://www.ourladyofthefields.org/first-sacraments-preparation</a></p>  | Online                                 |   |
| <b>Wednesday 9/24/25</b>   | <b>7:00PM</b>      | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Parent Orientation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist</u></b></p> <p>At this important meeting, we will review all requirements and procedures for both First Reconciliation and First Communion as well as answer any questions you may have. We will distribute the preparation materials at this meeting.</p>   | Parish Hall                            | This administrative meeting is for parents only.  |
| <b>September 25, 2025 – November 23, 2025</b>                      |                    | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Completion of Workbook Study and Activity Pages for First Reconciliation Workbook</u></b></p> <p>Over the course of these two months, you and your child will review the workbook at your own pace. The deadline for completing the workbook and submitting to the Faith Formation Office for review is 11/23/25.</p>  | Home                                   | Self-paced review. Faith Formation staff, priests, deacons and other volunteers available for individual assistance as requested. |
| <b>Tuesday 11/11/25</b>  | <b>6:30PM</b>      | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Review and Walk Through the Rite of Reconciliation</u></b></p> <p>At this special review, we will “practice” the sacrament of Reconciliation to help your child feel more confident and comfortable. <i>(Completed 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Workbooks may be turned in for review.)</i></p>   | Church                                 | Candidates and their parents participate.   |
| <b>November 12, 2025 – April 24, 2025</b>                          |                    | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Celebration of Reconciliation</u></b></p> <p>Once the preparation for First Reconciliation is completed, you are welcome to bring your child to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Your whole family are encouraged to attend. This can be done at either of the Family Reconciliation services (Monday, 12/1/25 or Tuesday, 3/24/26, both at 6:30pm). Additional priests will be on hand. In addition, you can also contact the parish office and schedule an individual opportunity with one of our priests. We do not recommend celebrating the sacrament for the first time at one of our regularly scheduled times as there are often many penitents which does not allow the priests to be as attentive as your child deserves for the first time.</p> | Church                                 | Candidates and their parents participate.   |
| <b>Monday 12/1/25</b>  | <b>6:30PM</b>      | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Special Celebration of Reconciliation for First Reconciliation</u></b></p> <p>Additional priests will be on hand for this dedicated group celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation which will provide the chance for individual confessions for your child and for you.</p>  | Church                                 | Families  |

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| <b>Sunday<br/>1/11/26</b>  | <b>1:00PM to<br/>3:00PM</b> | <p><b><u>Introduction to the Eucharist and the Tour of the Church</u></b></p> <p><i>This is an exciting event to introduce your child formally to the Eucharist and the church building as our communal home. We will also distribute the <b>Mass Adventure Activity</b> which must be completed with parents and turned in by 3/29/26.</i></p>   | Church                 | Parents /Candidates   |
| <b>January 12, 2026–<br/>March 29, 2026</b>  |                             | <p><b><u>Completion of the Mass Adventure Activity for First Communion</u></b></p> <p>Over the course of these three months, you and your child will review the Mass Adventure at your own pace both at home and through the regular attendance of Mass at Our Lady of the Fields. The Deadline for Mass Adventure Activity and submitting it to the Faith Formation Department for review is 3/29/26.</p>  | Home                   | Self-paced review. Faith Formation staff, priests, deacons and other volunteers available for individual assistance as requested. |
| <b>Sunday<br/>3/8/26</b>   | <b>1:00PM to<br/>3:00PM</b> | <p><b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Mini-Retreat</u></b></p> <p>Candidates and parents together prayerfully build community and reinforce what they have learned about the Sacrament of the Eucharist. (Candidates practice receiving the unconsecrated host and wine.)</p>   | Parish Hall            | Parents/Candidates attend   |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>3/24/26</b>   | <b>7:00pm</b>               | <p><b><u>Celebration of Reconciliation</u></b></p> <p>This is an opportunity for individual confessions for your child and for you.</p>   | Church                 | Children may receive Reconciliation at this service.  |
| <b>Sunday<br/>3/29/26</b>  |                             | <p><b><u>Completion of Instruction for First Communion</u></b></p> <p>Deadline to turn in completed 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Workbooks for review and any outstanding materials for First Communion</p>   | Faith Formation Office |   |
| <b>Regularly Scheduled Sunday Masses at 8:00AM, 9:30AM, or 11:30AM on May 3, 2026 and May 17, 2026</b> |                             | <p><b><u>Individual Celebration of First Communion</u></b></p> <p>You are offered the opportunity for your child to receive First Communion at one of our regularly scheduled weekend Masses on May 3<sup>rd</sup> or May 17th. Each of the 8:00AM, 9:30AM and 11:30AM Masses will be limited to four individual First Communicants.</p>  | Church                 | Families and Invited Guests   |
| <b>Saturday<br/>4/25/26</b>  | <b>11:00am</b>              | <p><b><u>First Group Celebration of First Communion</u></b></p> <p>Spots for each of the two group celebrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis once the registration opens. There is a limited number of spots and seats for guests. To help our children feel most at ease, we require that all participants of either group celebration attend a special rehearsal dedicated exclusively for that celebration. The <b>rehearsal for the First Group Celebration of First Communion is Tuesday 4/21/26 at 6:30pm</b>. Parents and their candidates who wish to participate in the First Group Celebration of First Communion must attend this rehearsal.</p> | Church                 | Families and Invited Guests   |
| <b>Saturday<br/>5/2/26</b>   | <b>11:00AM</b>              | <p><b><u>Second Group Celebration of First Communion</u></b></p> <p>The <b>practice and rehearsal for this Second Group Celebration of First Communion is Tuesday 4/28/26 at 6:30pm</b>. Parents and their candidates who wish to participate in the Second Group Celebration of First Communion must attend this rehearsal.</p>  | Church                 | Families and Invited Guests   |