

First Communion Preparation Description of Events:

The **Rite of Enrollment** is a liturgical celebration for both parents and students marking the formal enrollment in First Communion preparation. This event includes the blessing of an altar cloth, which serves as a visual reminder of Baptism and our call to discipleship. Students with parents are later invited to sign their names upon the blessed cloth as a symbol of their commitment and desire to come to the table of the Lord.

Parent Meetings are scheduled throughout the year in order to partner with you in preparing your children for First Holy Communion. These meetings are both informational and catechetical, with the intention of providing parents with additional tools for this special year of learning. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that parents hold the primary responsibility for passing on the faith to their children. Our goal is to support and empower parents, while simultaneously providing necessary information about upcoming events.

The **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** will begin with a brief prayer service which includes a communal “Act of Contrition” and should conclude by 11:30 a.m. Visiting priests from the Diocese of Columbus will assist Monsignor Hendricks and Father Morris is hearing the confessions of our youngest children. These priests look forward to the day of First Reconciliation every year!

The **First Communion Retreat** is for students only and is a community-building day of faith and learning. Children rotate through stations of faith, music, prayer cards, craft, bread making and receiving in order to help deepen the desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Please note there is a Parent Meeting scheduled during the retreat which will last between 45 to 60 minutes.

The **Mass Class** is an interactive introduction to the different parts of the Mass offered by members of our St. Brigid clergy. Parents with students have 3 different session options available to attend: Monday 4:30 p.m., Monday 6:30 p.m., or Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

First Communion Rehearsals: May 9, 2018

- 4:30 p.m. for classes assigned to the 10 a.m. First Communion Mass
- 6:30 p.m. for classes assigned to the 2 p.m. First Communion Mass

*Please note you must attend the rehearsal for your respective Mass

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion Mass: May 12, 2018

- 10:00 a.m. Mass: Religious Education
- 2:00 p.m. Mass: St Brigid School with Religious Education

*Please note that Religious Education classes will be assigned a Mass time by November