

OLGC Parent Meeting Information: First Reconciliation, Retreat, and First Eucharist 2025

Day of First Reconciliation (Saturday, February 1st 10:30AM)

- **Location:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in the main Church.
- **Family Participation:** Parents and siblings are welcome and encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well. Handouts with step-by-step instructions for confession will be available.
- **Church Etiquette:** Please maintain a quiet atmosphere while priests are hearing confessions.
- **Refreshments:** Light refreshments will be served in DeSales Hall.
- **Attendance:** If you cannot attend this session, ensure your student receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion. Please email drogers@olgcva.org if you cannot attend.
- **No Sign-Up Required:** Family members do not need to sign up to participate.

First Communion Retreat

This retreat is meant to provide spiritual, catechetical, and personal formation for children preparing to receive First Communion.

- **Date:** Saturday, March 8, 2025
- **Time:** 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM
- **Drop-Off & Pick-Up:** Counsel Room
- **Activities:**
 - Bread Baking
 - Parable Rooms
 - Collaborative Games
 - Snack Break
 - Small Groups
 - Practice receiving the Eucharist (Unconsecrated hosts)

Register with these QR Codes:



FHC Retreat RSVP



Parent Volunteers for FHC



Teen Volunteers for FHC



FHC Commitment Form



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Selecting a First Communion Mass

- **Sign-Up Process:** A SignUpGenius link will open on **Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at Noon.**
 - **Paperwork Deadline:** To receive the sign-up link, the following must be submitted by **March 14, 2025:**
 - Commitment Form ([Online](#))
 - Copy of Baptismal Certificate (by 2/28)
 - First Communion Retreat [RSVP](#)
 - **Sign-Up Deadline:** The sign-up closes on **April 26, 2025, at 11:59 PM.**
 - **Mass Options:**
 - Saturday, May 3, 2025, at **10:00 AM** or **1:00 PM**
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First Eucharist Rehearsal

- **Date:** Thursday, May 1, 2025
- **Times:**
 - **6:00 PM** for those signed up for the **10:00 AM Mass.**
 - **7:00 PM** for those signed up for the **1:00 PM Mass.**
- **Preparation:** Review the instructional video on "**How to Receive the Eucharist**" ([link provided](#)).

First Eucharist Mass Attire

- **For Girls:**
 - Modest dress (white is customary).
 - If sleeveless, a cardigan is required.
 - Gloves and veils are optional, but gloves must be removed before receiving the Eucharist.
- **For Boys:**
 - Dress slacks, dress shirt (tucked in), tie, and dress shoes.
 - Suits and jackets are optional.
- **For Guests:**
 - Please wear Sunday Best or modest attire.
- **Mass Meeting Location:**
 - Parents are asked to drop off Communicants in DeSales Hall 30 minutes prior to Mass.
 - Communicants will be processing in and sitting together.
 - No reserved seating.

Questions, please reach out to drogers@olgeva.org or jmadden@olgeva.org

