

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish
Reconciliation and First Eucharist Formation Schedule 2017 – 2018



Preparation for these two sacraments is a very special and important time, not only for our young candidates and their families, but also for the entire SMOS parish community. If regular Sunday Mass attendance has not been a part of your family's weekly schedule, I invite and strongly encourage you to please begin now to make this a part of your weekend routine. Weekly Mass attendance and participation is the source and the summit of who we are and what we do as Catholics. The candidates will begin to learn more about the Mass during this formation process. Having them begin to participate fully and actively at the weekly Eucharistic liturgy will help them to better understand what we do whenever we gather to celebrate and share this most wonderful sacrament. Your presence as a sacrament preparation family also gives the parish community the opportunity to greet you and offer prayers and encouragement as the children learn about and then join us to begin receiving Jesus in the Eucharist whenever they attend Mass.

Attendance at all formation meetings and the First Eucharist retreat are a required part of the program.

Reminders for all meetings, important info blasts, any last minute cancellations or changes will go out ONLY through the Remind notification system. Please be sure your family has subscribed. To do so, either text **81010** or email www.remind.com/join and enter the code **smosfe** after the @.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parent Orientation Meeting (<u>Parents only</u>)	Monday, September 25	6:30 pm in church
Book turn in with Chapters 1,2,3 completed	October 15, 16, 17	(books returned by following week)
Book turn in with Chapters 4, 5, 6 completed	November 12, 13, 14	
Parent & Candidate Meeting(children, too)	Monday, November 20	6:30 pm in church
First Reconciliation Day!	Saturday, December 2	10:00 am in church

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Parent Orientation Meeting	Monday, January 29	6:30 pm in church
Book turn in with Chapters 1,2,3,4 completed	February 25, 26, 27	(books returned by following week)
<u>Retreat for Candidates and Parents</u>	<u>Saturday, March 10</u>	<u>9:00am – 12:30pm</u>
Book turn in with Chapters 5,6,7,8 completed	Sunday, April 8, 9, 10	(books returned by following week)
<u>Foschi Photography Picture Day (by appointment only)</u>	<u>Saturday, April 14</u>	<u>8:30am - 12 in church</u>
Rehearsal for April 29 th group	Wednesday, April 25	6:00 pm in church
First Eucharist Day #1	Sunday, April 29	12:30 pm Mass
Rehearsal for May 6 th group	Wednesday, May 2 nd	6:00 pm in church
First Eucharist Day #2	Sunday, May 6	12:30 pm Mass

If you have any questions or concerns about the schedule, please contact Madeline Romano, DRE.

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