

**St. Margaret of Scotland Parish**  
**Reconciliation and First Eucharist Formation Schedule 2019 – 2020**



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 for both sacraments and the First Eucharist retreat is 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](http://www.remind.com/join) and enter the code **smosfe** after the @.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Parent Orientation Meeting ( <u>Parents only</u> )	Monday, September 30	6:30 pm in church
Book turn in with Chapters 1,2,3 completed	October 18, 13, 15	(books returned by following week)
Book turn in with Chapters 4, 5, 6 completed	November 15, 17, 19	
Parent & Candidate Meeting(children, too)	Monday, December 2	6:30 pm in church
First Reconciliation Day!	Saturday, December 7	10:00 am in church

**Sacrament of First Eucharist**

Parent Orientation Meeting	Monday, January 27	6:30 pm in church
Book turn in with Chapters 1,2,3,4 completed	February 21, 23, 25	(books returned by following week)
<u>Retreat for Candidates and Parents</u>	<b>Saturday, March 14</b> (TBC)	<u>9:00am – 12:30pm</u>
Book turn in with Chapters 5,6,7,8 completed	March 13, 15, 17	(books returned by following week)
Foschi Photography Picture Day (by appointment only)	Saturday, March 28	8:30am - 12 in church
Rehearsal for April 26 <sup>th</sup> group	Thursday, April 23	6:00 pm in church
First Eucharist Day #1	Sunday, April 26	12:30 pm Mass
Rehearsal for May 6 <sup>th</sup> group	Thursday, April 30	6:00 pm in church
First Eucharist Day #2	Sunday, May 3	12:30 pm Mass

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

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