



St. Anne Catholic Church  
Pleasant Prairie, WI  
**First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Preparation Requirements**

May 2023,

Dear Parents,

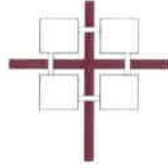
Welcome to St. Anne's sacramental preparation program for the reception of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion! We are looking forward to partnering with you and ministering to you throughout this pivotal year in your child's developing relationship with Jesus Christ. Together, over the course of the next several months, we will lay the foundation for your child to live an active sacramental life – this is the best gift you can give your child! As we well know, the Divine Life of Jesus is bestowed on us through the grace of the sacraments. We receive His mercy, forgiveness, and the strength to amend our lives through Reconciliation. We receive His very Self in Holy Communion – His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity! Through attendance at Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, various parish and home-based activities, you will show your child just how much Jesus loves them and help them come to know that His Presence in the Eucharist is the “source and summit of our Christian life” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1324).

This packet outlines program information and requirements. Please review all the information, especially the Preparation Policy Parent Agreement and list of important dates. A **signed Parent Agreement is due by October 1, 2023.**

Again, we are thrilled to partner with you, your child's primary spiritual educators, as we prepare them to enter into a deeper friendship with Jesus. No catechist or activity can ever substitute your intentional example and presence with your child, but we are honored to serve you as you strive to lead your children on the path to heaven. Please don't hesitate to call or email with any questions or concerns. May God bless you!

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### **APPLICATION**

#### **Registration Form**

The Preschool - 5th Grade Faith Formation Form may be completed by visiting the “Children” Registration page on the St. Anne website. Please go to [saint-anne.org](http://saint-anne.org) to register by August 31, 2023.

#### **Fee**

The \$100.00 fee covers preparation workbooks, retreat materials, and children’s missals. After June 30th, the fee increases by \$25 (total \$125). The fee is due October 1, 2023.

#### **Baptismal Certificate**

A copy of your child’s Baptismal certificate (not a birth certificate) must be submitted prior to the reception of the sacraments. Baptismal certificates may be emailed as files or photos to Mary Mowry at [mmowry@saint-anne.org](mailto:mmowry@saint-anne.org). Alternatively, a hardcopy may be dropped off at the parish office during our normal office hours. If your child was baptized at St. Anne’s, there is no need to submit a copy as we have a record of the baptism. Please submit your child’s Baptismal certificate by October 1, 2023.

#### **Preparation Policy Parent Agreement**

This form serves to notify our pastor Fr. Bob Weighner of your intent to prepare your child to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. By reading and signing this agreement, you indicate your commitment to the policy. *The Parent Agreement is due October 1, 2023.*

### **Pastor Connection**

It's good practice to get to know your pastor. Be sure to introduce yourselves to Fr. Bob Weighner after Mass on occasion, and let him know you have a child preparing for First Communion. Also, knowing that the pastor is always available to you, don't hesitate to set up an appointment with him if you'd like to talk about the faith in your home or any questions you might have.

### **PARENT MEETINGS**

There are two required half-day parent-only sessions which are offered at varying times throughout the year. Please select the session date that is the most convenient for you and your family. ***At least one parent must be in attendance at each meeting. Children should not attend.***

- *Forgiven* Parent Session (Option 1) | Saturday, October 7, 2023 8:30 am - 2 pm
- *Forgiven* Parent Session (Option 2) | Saturday, November 4, 2023 8:30 am - 2 pm
- *Presence* Parent Session (Option 1) | Saturday, December 2, 2023 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
- *Presence* Parent Session (Option 2) | Saturday, January 13, 2024 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

### **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

Participation in our Faith Formation classes is an essential component of our sacramental preparation program. Children are required to attend their three scheduled classes each month. ***More than three unexcused absences may delay reception of the sacraments until the following year.*** All Saints Catholic School and St. Joseph Catholic Academy students will complete formation through the schools.

### **RETREATS**

We offer three sacramental preparation retreats throughout the year. These retreats are required for all First Communicants and their parents. ***At least one parent must be in attendance.*** Please select either the Saturday or Sunday retreat.

- First Reconciliation Retreat | Sat., October 21 **OR** Sun., October 22, 2023 1 - 4 pm
- First Communion Retreat # 1 | Sat., March 16 **OR** Sun., March 17, 2024 1 - 4 pm
- First Communion Retreat # 2 | Sat., April 20 **OR** Sun., April 21, 2024 1 - 3 pm

### **PRAYERS**

It is our expectation that families regularly pray together. At the time of their First Holy Communion, children should be able to prayerfully recite the following prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Grace Before Meals, the Act of Contrition. Please take the time to help your children learn these prayers. Children should also know how to properly make the Sign of the Cross and how to reverently genuflect when entering the church.

## **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS**

### **First Reconciliation**

As parents, your own humble and positive disposition toward receiving God's mercy and forgiveness will give great witness to your children. They will approach the sacrament with joy, peace, and confidence if you set an example by receiving the sacrament regularly yourself.

Please prepare your child for this sacrament by reviewing the Ten Commandments, walking him/her through an examination of conscience, and teaching them the Act of Contrition. These materials can all be found on our St. Anne website under the "First Reconciliation & First Eucharist" page.

**First Communicants will celebrate First Reconciliation on November 8, 2023 at 6 pm.**

Children may receive the sacrament by sitting face-to-face with the priest or kneeling behind a screen. Please help your child determine which option he/she may prefer.

### **First Holy Communion**

First Communion will take place on Sunday, May 5, 2024 at our 11:30 am Mass and on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at our 5:15 pm Mass.

First Communion rehearsals are scheduled as follows:

- May 2, 2024 at 6 pm for our Sunday, May 5 Mass
- May 9, 2024 at 6 pm for our Saturday, May 11th Mass

A child must know the difference between ordinary bread and the Extraordinary Eucharist. They must recognize that Holy Communion is not like regular food and be able to distinguish the difference. In addition, a child must believe that the Host is really and truly Jesus, and that He is fully present to us in the Eucharist.

Children will receive their First Holy Communion while kneeling at a kneeler. They may receive on the tongue or in the hand. The Communion fast begins one hour before the reception of Communion. Children should refrain from consuming any food or drink (except water or medication) unless it is medically necessary that they not fast.

First Communion attire should reflect your child's dignity as a son or daughter of God. Generally, boys wear suits (any conservative color -- white, black, navy, light gray, etc.); however, some wear long or short-sleeved button-downs with a tie and khakis. Girls often wear white dresses and veils; however, there is no need for the dress to be new.



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### PREPARATION POLICY PARENT AGREEMENT

Having reviewed the requirements for sacramental preparation, I will strive to fully engage and participate in my child's preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, especially by:

- Attending Mass each Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation. If we are unable to attend Mass at St. Anne's, we will attend Mass at another parish (see Kenosha Area Mass Times sheet).
- Helping my child with faith formation assignments.
- Praying with my child at home.
- Sending my child to his/her faith formation classes and ensuring they arrive on time and are present for the entire class time.
- Attending the required parent sessions.
- Encouraging my child's engagement and participation at each sacramental preparation retreat.
- Ensuring my child receives First Reconciliation prior to First Holy Communion.

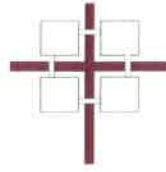
I understand that failure to complete these requirements may delay my child's reception of these sacraments this year; however, the sacraments will be administered later when my child and I can complete these requirements.

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent's Signature**

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**Printed Name**

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**Child's Name (print)**



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### IMPORTANT MANDATORY DATES

*Please mark these dates on your calendar*

<b><u>APPLICATION</u></b>	
<b>Registration Form</b>	August 31, 2023
<b>Preparation Policy Parent Agreement &amp; Fee</b>	October 1, 2023
<b>Baptismal Certificate</b>	October 1, 2023
<b>Parent Meetings</b> <i>Please select a date that is convenient for you and your family. At least one parent must attend. Children should not attend.</i>	<i>Forgiven (Option 1)   Saturday, October 7, 2023 8:30 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Forgiven (Option 2)   Saturday, November 4, 2023 8:30 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Presence (Option 1)   Saturday, December 2, 2023 8:30 am - 1:30 pm</i> <i>Presence (Option 2)   Saturday, January 13, 2024 8:30 am - 1:30 pm</i>
<b>First Reconciliation Retreat</b> <i>Please select a date that is convenient for you and your family. At least one parent must be present.</i>	October 21 <b>OR</b> October 22, 2023 from 1 - 4 pm
<b>Celebration of First Reconciliation</b>	November 8, 2023 at 6 pm
<b>First Communion Retreat # 1</b> <i>Please select a date that is convenient for you and your family. At least one parent must be present.</i>	March 16 <b>OR</b> March 17, 2024 from 1 - 4 pm
<b>First Communion Retreat # 2</b> <i>Please select a date that is convenient for you and your family. At least one parent must be present.</i>	April 20 <b>OR</b> April 21, 2024 from 1 - 3 pm
<b>First Communion Rehearsals</b> <i>At least one parent must be present at rehearsal.</i>	May 2, 2024 at 6 pm for our Sunday, May 5 Mass May 9, 2024 at 6 pm for our Saturday, May 11 Mass
<b>First Communion Masses</b> <i>Please arrive at least 20 minutes early.</i>	Sunday, May 5 at 11:30 am Saturday, May 11 at 5:15 pm





# Kenosha Catholic Church Mass Times

*as of 2022-10-05 (check individual parish bulletins for the most up-to-date and accurate times)*

CHURCH NAME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	CHURCH FULL ADDRESS	CHURCH PHONE NUMBER
St. James Catholic Church	--	--	--	--	--	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	--	--	804 Sheridan Rd, Kenosha, WI 53140	262-657-1156
St. Elizabeth Catholic Church	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.   10:30 a.m.   11:00 p.m. (Spanish)	3:00 - 5:45 p.m.	Wednesdays 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.	4816 7th Ave, Kenosha, WI 53140	262-657-1156
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church	7:15 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	7:15 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	8:30 a.m. (Latin)   4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.   10:00 a.m.   12:00 p.m. (Latin)	Tuesdays 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Tuesdays 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	5400 19th Ave, Kenosha, WI 53140	262-652-7660
St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	--	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.   10:30 a.m.	Saturdays 9:00 - 9:45 p.m. Sundays 8:00 - 8:20 a.m. & 10:00 - 10:20 a.m.	Fridays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. & to 6:00 a.m. 1st Fri/Sat	2020 91st St, Kenosha, WI 53143	262-694-4695
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii Catholic Church	6:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.   10:30 a.m.	Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Saturdays 3:00 p.m.	Wednesdays 7:00 a.m.	2224 45th St, Kenosha, WI 53140	262-652-2771
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church	--	--	--	7:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m. (First Friday)	5:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	Saturdays 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Sundays 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.	Thursdays 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	2223 51st St, Kenosha, WI 53140	262-652-1844
St. Peter Catholic Church	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.   5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.   10:30 a.m.   7:00 p.m.	Weekdays 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Saturdays 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. & 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Fridays 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	2224 30th Ave, Kenosha, WI 53144	262-551-9004
St. Anne Catholic Church	--	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.   5:15 p.m.	9:15 a.m.   11:30 a.m.	Wednesdays & Fridays 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Saturdays 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Wednesdays & Fridays 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	9091 Prairie Ridge Blvd, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158	262-942-8300
St. Benedict's Abbey - Benedictine Monks at Benet Lake	5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	11:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m. [with music]	By appointment	Church open daily 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	12605 224th Avenue, Benet Lake, WI 53102	262-396-4311
La Salette Shrine	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.   6:00 p.m. (Polish)	8:00 a.m.   10:00 a.m. (Polish)	Weekdays 6:15 p.m. Saturdays 11:30 a.m.	1st Fridays & 1st Saturdays 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	10330 336th Ave, Twin Lakes, WI 53181	262-877-3111   262-877-3373
St. Mary Catholic Church	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	--	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.   10:30 a.m.	1st & 3rd Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Thursdays 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fridays 8:30 - 11:45 a.m.	7307 40th Ave, Kenosha, WI 53142	262-694-6018
St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church	--	--	9:30 a.m.	--	--	4:00 p.m.   6:00 p.m. (Spanish)	8:00 a.m.   10:00 a.m.   12:00 p.m. (Spanish)   2:00 p.m.	--	--	717 14th Ave, Kenosha, WI 53143	262-656-7373
Holy Cross Catholic Church (Bristol Location)	--	--	--	--	--	--	10:30 a.m.	--	--	18700 116th St, Bristol, WI 53104	262-857-2068
Holy Cross Catholic Church (Wilnot Location)	--	--	--	--	--	4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	--	--	30100 Wilnot Rd, Wilnot, WI 53192	262-857-2068
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church	--	--	--	--	--	5:00 p.m. (Apr - Sep)	9:00 a.m. (Oct - Mar)   11:30 a.m. (Apr - Sep)	1st Saturdays (Apr-Sep) 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.	--	701 N Lake Ave, Twin Lakes, WI 53181	262-877-2557
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church	--	--	--	--	--	5:00 p.m. (Oct - Mar)	9:00 a.m. (Apr - Sep)   11:30 a.m. (Oct - Mar)	1st Saturdays (Oct-Mar) 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.	--	6301 344th Ave, New Munster, WI 53152	262-537-4370
St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.   4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.   11:00 a.m.	Saturdays 3:00 - 3:40 p.m.	--	40000 NORTH US Highway 45, Old Mill Creek, IL 60006	847-395-3474
Our Lady of the Lakes - St. Peter Catholic Church	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	--	7:30 a.m.   4:00 p.m.	6:30 a.m.   9:30 a.m.   12:30 p.m.	Saturdays 8:15 - 9:00 a.m.	--	557 Lake St, Antioch, IL 60002	847-395-0274
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church	--	--	--	8:00 a.m.	--	--	10:30 a.m.   12:00 p.m. (St. Sherald Maronite Catholic Mission of Milwaukee)	By appointment	Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	1501 172nd Ave, Union Grove, WI 53182	262-878-2267
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church	--	--	8:00 a.m.	--	--	8:00 a.m.	--	Saturdays 4:00 - 4:40 p.m.	--	1704 240th Ave, Kanesville, WI 53139	262-878-2267

