



St. Francis de Sales Parish  
Holland, Michigan  
Our diversity reflects the richness of our  
Creator.

# Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist Preparation 2017/2018

## First Reconciliation (Confession)

### Schedule

#### Parent/Child Retreat #1

- Option 1—Friday, September 29, 2017  
5:45 to 8:00 pm  
@ St. Francis, Lower Level
- OR Option 2—Saturday, October 07, 2017  
8:45 to 11:00 am  
@ St. Francis, Lower Level

#### Reconciliation Retreat #2 & Celebration of Reconciliation

- Option 1—Friday, November 10, 2017  
Bilingual - English Focused  
5:45 pm  
@ St. Francis, Gathering Space
- OR Option 2—Saturday, November 18, 2017  
Bilingual—Spanish focused  
8:45 am  
@ St. Francis, Gathering Space

**Workbooks Due**—Monday, November 6, 2017

### Requirements

- Child must be registered and participating in a foundational faith formation program (either through the parish or a Catholic School recognized by the diocese)
- Attend one of the two options for each retreat
- Complete the child workbook at home with your child
- Attend Covenant Program (see details below) (parents only)
- Attend the parent workshops (see details below)

### Celebration of the sacrament

Parents will be asked to complete a form by October 15 with their preference for date for Retreat #2 and Celebration for their child (ren).

*For more information visit  
[www.stfrancisholland.org/first-reconciliation](http://www.stfrancisholland.org/first-reconciliation).*

## First Eucharist (Communion)

### Schedule

#### Parent/Child Retreat #1

- Option 1—Friday, January 26, 2018  
5:45 to 8:00 pm  
@ St. Francis, Lower Level
- OR Option 2—Saturday, February 03, 2018  
8:45 to 11:00 am  
@ St. Francis, Lower Level

#### Parent/Child Retreat #2

- Option 1—Saturday, April 14, 2018  
8:45 to 11:00 am  
@ St. Francis, Lower Level
- OR Option 2—Friday, April 20, 2018  
5:45 to 8:00 pm  
@ St. Francis, Lower Level

**Workbooks Due**—Monday, April 09, 2018

**Celebrations**—April/May 2017

### Requirements

- The same requirements for preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation apply for this preparation,
- Complete preparation of First Reconciliation
- Attend one of the two options for each retreat

### Celebration of First Communion

First Communions will be celebrated at all Masses on two weekends in the Spring of 2018. Parents will receive a form in January via mail and email with detailed information about selecting the date of your choice for your child's First Communion. **If, for any reason, you do not receive it by January 15, 2018, please contact Emily Alba, Administrative Assistant at 616-392-6700.**



*For more information visit  
[www.stfrancisholland.org/first-Eucharist](http://www.stfrancisholland.org/first-Eucharist).*

## Parent Workshops

The parent only workshops will focus on the theological understanding of the sacraments, but more so on discussing how parents can live the sacraments and share them with their children. Parish staff and leaders will lead presentations and we will have people from the parish sharing their experiences (challenges and blessings) of living the sacraments as parents.

### Parent Workshop #1

Option 1 Wednesday, October 18, 2017	6:30 to	8:00 PM	Corpus Christi Center
OR option 2 Tuesday, October 10, 2017	9:30 to	11:00 AM	Multi-Purpose Room, SFDS

### Parent Workshop #2

Option 1 Wednesday, February 07, 2018	6:30 to	8:00 PM	Corpus Christi Center
OR option 2 Tuesday, February 20, 2018	9:30 to	11:00 AM	Multi-Purpose Room, SFDS

## Covenant Program

The Covenant Program is a day-long retreat from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is for **parents only** and focuses on our covenant relationship with God.

We ask that you **register in advance** so that we can plan accordingly. You can register online at [www.stfrancisholland.org/covenant](http://www.stfrancisholland.org/covenant) or by calling the Faith parish office. If you have attended the Covenant Program in the past, you do not need to repeat it; just let us know.

### Choose any one of the following dates:

- Saturday, October 21, 2017  
Saturday, March 17, 2018



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