



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

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist Preparation 2016/2017

First Reconciliation (Confession)

Schedule

Parent/Child Retreat #1

- Option 1—Friday, September 30, 2016
5:45 to 8:00 pm
@ St. Francis, Lower Level
- OR Option 2—Saturday, October 08, 2016
8:45 to 11:00 am
@ St. Francis, Lower Level

Reconciliation Retreat #2 & Celebration of Reconciliation

- Option 1—Saturday, November 5, 2016
Bilingual - English Focused
9:15 am
@ St. Francis, Gathering Space
- OR Option 2—Friday, November 18, 2016
Bilingual—Spanish focused
5:45 pm
@ St. Francis, Gathering Space

Workbooks Due—Monday, November 7, 2016

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 17 with their preference for date for Retreat #2 and Celebration for their child (ren).

*For more information visit
www.stfrancisholland.org/first-reconciliation.*

First Eucharist (Communion)

Schedule

Parent/Child Retreat #1

- Option 1—Friday, January 27, 2017
5:45 to 8:00 pm
@ St. Francis, Lower Level
- OR Option 2—Saturday, February 04, 2017
8:45 to 11:00 am
@ St. Francis, Lower Level

Parent/Child Retreat #2

- Option 1—Saturday, April 8, 2017
8:45 to 11:00 am
@ St. Francis, Lower Level
- OR Option 2—Friday, April 21, 2017
5:45 to 8:00 pm
@ St. Francis, Lower Level

Workbooks Due—Monday, April 10, 2017

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 Communion will be celebrated at all Masses on two weekends in the Spring of 2017. 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, 2017, please contact Emily Alba, Administrative Assistant at 616-392-6700.**



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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 presentation 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 19, 2016	6:30 to	8:00 PM	Corpus Christi Center
OR option 2 Tuesday, October 11, 2016	9:30 to	11:00 AM	Multi-Purpose Room, SFDS

Parent Workshop #2

Option 1 Wednesday, February 01, 2017	6:30 to	8:00 PM	Corpus Christi Center
OR option 2 Tuesday, February 07, 2017	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 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 15, 2016
- Saturday, January 28, 2017
- Saturday, March 18, 2017



For more information, visit www.stfrancisholland.org or contact the parish office (616-392-6700).