



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

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## PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION HOME LESSON SCHEDULE 2023

LESSON	COMPLETE FROM	DATE DUE
<b>*** Sometime before 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, please take your child to the Adoration Chapel here at St. John's. The Adoration Chapel is open from Sunday 11:00AM – Saturday 5:00PM. You could bring your book and pray the prayer on pg. 48 ***</b>		
Lesson 1 - Jesus is the Bread of Life	January 11 – January 28	February 8 <sup>th</sup>
Lesson 2 - The Eucharist	January 30 – February 4	February 8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – Bring book to Atrium for Director of Faith Formation to review. Review Page 9 must be complete <u>as well as activities</u> for Lessons 1 &amp; 2</b>		
Lesson 3 - The Mass: The Liturgy of the Word	February 13 – February 18	March 8 <sup>th</sup>
Lesson 4 - The Mass: The Liturgy of the Eucharist	February 27 – March 5	March 8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Bring book to Atrium for Director of Faith Formation to review. Review Page 25 must be complete <u>as well as activities</u> for Lessons 3 &amp; 4</b>		
Lesson 5 - Items of the Mass	March 6 – March 11	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Lesson 6 - Receiving Communion	March 13 – March 18	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Bring book to Atrium for Director of Faith Formation to review. Review Page 39 must be complete <u>as well as activities</u> for Lessons 5 &amp; 6</b>		
<i>Families are highly encouraged to attend our Holy Thursday Liturgy (April 6) at 7 pm at SJB. It is a beautiful liturgical depiction of the last supper (the institution of the very first Eucharistic celebration)!</i>		
Lesson 7 - Be a Light!	March 27 – April 1	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Lesson 8 - Adoration and Spiritual Communion	April 10 – April 15	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Lesson 9 - Eucharistic Feasts	April 17 – April 22	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am – 2:00pm: Retreat! Please drop your child off in the school, then come back to meet them at 1:00 in the church. We will conclude by 2:00pm. Bring book to First Communion Retreat for Director of Faith Formation to review. Review Page 55 must be complete <u>as well as activities</u> for Lessons 7 – 9</b>		

## IMPORTANT DATES & DETAILS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	WHERE	OTHER DETAILS
Saturday April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	First Communion Retreat	Child: 9am – 2pm Parents: 1 – 2pm	Drop off child in school; Parents join in GP	Child in morning, Parents join at 1:00pm
Sunday May 7 <sup>th</sup>	First Communion Mass	10:00am	Gathering Place and Main Church	Child needs to be in Gathering Place by 9:45am. Photos to follow Mass.

On the Day of First Holy Communion:

- Please have your child in the Gathering Place no later than 9:45am.
- Each child will be given one pew for seating of their family. If you need special arrangements for seating, please notify the Director of Faith Formation.
- We ask that each First Communicant wears their Sunday best. Typically, girls are in white dresses and boys are in dark suits.
- A group picture will be taken directly following Mass. There will be time for individual pictures if you would like. Please wait to take personal photos until the photographer is finished, as multiple flashes will interfere with the professional photo. **All children need to be in the group photo!**
- When your child has been dismissed from photos, they will need to:
  - 1) Sign the First Communion book.
  - 2) Pick up their certificate & rosary.
  - 3) Pick up the candle they prayerfully made on their retreat.