

Saint Francis de Sales - Religious Education
SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION

Please return the fee and application to the Parish Religious Education Office on /before Feb. 4, 2019. Checks can be made payable to St. Francis de Sales Rel. Ed.

Kindly PRINT all information and return this application and fee of \$150.00 per child. The fee covers the cost for Proximate Preparation, Retreat, banner kit, sacramental, DVD, flowers etc.

Child's Name	First	Middle Initial	Last
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Address	City	State	Zip
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Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Church of Baptism: _____

NOTE: If your child was NOT baptized at the Church of Saint Francis de Sales then you will need to obtain a new copy of your child's baptismal certificate to submit with this application. If your child was baptized here at the Church of St. Francis de Sales no baptismal certificate is required we will check Register.

Father's Name	First	Middle Initial	Last
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Mother's Maiden Name	First	Middle Initial	Last
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Does your child have any special medical needs and/or concerns; this includes allergies to specific foods and medications, learning, or legal needs:

**Celebrating the Sacraments of
First Reconciliation & Holy Communion
Church of Saint Francis de Sales**

Reminders - Please KEEP for your Reference

Proximate Preparation Retreat for First Reconciliation & Holy Communion (for both Parents & Children) is:

NOTE: The Proximate Preparation Retreat is a Diocesan mandatory requirement for both parents and children.

Your Child's schedule to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation will be announced when determined. Holy Communion is celebrated the first two Saturdays in May.

Your Child will be scheduled for two Rehearsals at Church on dates to be determined.

Application Fee:

Application Fee is: **\$150.00 per child**. Note: Fee covers the costs for Proximate Preparation, Retreat, Banner Kit, Sacramentals, DVD, etc. Application and Fee due date Feb 4, 2019. Please return the entire application and fee together. Checks payable to: **St. Francis de Sales Church-Rel. Ed.**

Guidelines for First Holy Communion

Please KEEP for your Reference

Church Seating: one pew per family will be reserved. Upon entering into the Church, please look for your child's First Holy Communion Banner, which will be posted to a pew. At the end of Holy Mass, please take home the banner.

First Communion Banner: please return to your child's Catechist by *their first rehearsal*. Please design your child's first name on the front of the banner (kit includes instructions). On the back of the banner clearly print your child's first and last name.

Kindly use only the banner kit that has been issued to you.

First Communion Attire: Traditional white attire is encouraged. However, appropriate attire is mandated:

Young Ladies must wear a dress and may use a white head veil.

Young Gentlemen must wear a suit and may use a First Communion Arm bow.

No gloves are permitted. Flower bouquets maybe presented after Mass not during Mass.

Hands need to be free of any articles.

Wrist Corsage and flower lapel may be worn.

Video/Photography: a professional videographer will be available and a DVD will be distributed. One DVD per family, will be made available a few weeks after the ceremony at the academy and parish offices. Flash photography is not permitted during Holy Mass. There will be an opportunity for children to be photographed with Parish Priests after Holy Mass. Kindly follow the instructions of the Church Ushers.

Rite of Communion: is under both Sacred Species - The Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ will be presented to children, sharing in the fullness of Christ. Holy Communion will be distributed to children first then to the congregation.

Church Protocol: We appreciate your cooperation as to assure solemnity throughout our liturgy in support of our children who are about to receive the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ. Your attention to please observe the following:

Turn off all cellular phones and communication devices.

Please refrain from unnecessary talking.

Please remain in your seats.

Flash photography is not permitted during Holy Mass.

We encourage all to participate in responding and singing during Holy Mass (Program Booklets will be available).

Kindly follow the instructions of the Church Ushers.

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