

# St. Peter Church

Volo, IL



## Sacrament of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

2019-2020

## Information Packet

Please **READ** through this informational packet carefully and thoroughly as it contains pertinent information about the Sacrament of Penance & First Holy Communion.

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# Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

## Guidelines

- In order to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Peter, a child must be baptized and enrolled in our Religious Education program the year prior to and the year of the First Reconciliation Program. If a family is new to the parish, and wishes to enroll in the First Reconciliation Program, parents must request a letter from their former parish detailing their child's participation in a Religious Education Program the previous year. At that point, the child may be enrolled in our program.
- Regular Mass attendance of students on Sunday and Holy Days at St. Peter's is required and essential for the development and realization of faith for our youth.
- Students will practice the formality of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evenings during the 2nd semester.
- ***Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m.***

# Preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion

## Guidelines

- Students traditionally receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the end of second grade and after having made the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Two consecutive years of Religious Education are required before the reception of First Holy Communion and children need to be enrolled in classes at the parish.
- Families must be registered parishioners for 6 months and regularly attend Mass at the parish.
- A copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate is required at the time of registration in the first year or preparation.
- ***Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.***

Special Sacramental classes are available for older students or adults who may not yet have received the sacrament. Please contact Connie Ballantine at [cballantine@archchicago.org](mailto:cballantine@archchicago.org) for more information.

Regular Mass attendance of students on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation at St. Peter's Parish is required and essential for the development and realization of faith for our youth.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECEPTION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Students are required to have knowledge and understanding of the requirements listed below.

<b><u>PRAYERS TO MEMORIZE</u></b> Sign of the Cross Hail Mary Our Father Glory Be St. Michael the Archangel Act of Contrition	<b><u>KNOW THE 7 SACRAMENTS</u></b> Baptism Confirmation Holy Eucharist Penance/Confession Holy Matrimony Holy Orders Anointing of the Sick
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### **KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE 10 COMMANDMENTS**

1. I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord God in vain
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day
4. Honor your father and your mother
5. You shall not kill
6. You shall not commit adultery
7. You shall not steal
8. You shall not bear false witness
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods

### **KNOW THE FORM FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/PENANCE**

*Venial Sin* – small sins that injure our relationship with God

*Mortal Sin* – Serious sin that remove sanctifying grace and break our relationship with God.

### **UNDERSTAND THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/PENANCE**

We must tell our sins to the priest because he cannot forgive sins unless they are told to Him. We need forgiveness of sins because it breathes God's life back into us and fills us with God's grace so we can receive the Holy Eucharist.

### **UNDERSTAND THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We must receive the Holy Eucharist in order to have eternal life with God in Heaven.

### **KNOW THE 2 GREAT COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE**

1. You Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with they whole heart, and with they whole sole, and with they whole mind, and with they whole strength.
2. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

### **KNOW THE GOLDEN RULE**

“Do unto others as they would do unto you.”

One should treat others as he/she would like to be treated.

## Testing Dates for Students

<b>Testing Date</b>	<b>Materials being tested on:</b>
TBD	Act of Contrition
TBD	Seven Sacraments
TBD	Penance, 2 Great Commandments & Golden Rule
TBD	Final First Communion Test (verbal & written)
TBD	Discussion and Saints

## First Holy Communion Mass Form

One group Mass will be offered for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

We encourage all of our families to participate in this ceremony. However, you do have the opportunity to request a Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday in May with the exclusion of the 9:30 Mass on May 3. We will do our best to accommodate your needs in this matter.

***Please complete this form and return to Mrs. Jennifer Gammel by Tuesday, March 30, 2020.***

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, May 2, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday or Sunday Mass in May:

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Ordinary Form) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

8:00 a.m. Sunday (Ordinary Form) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

9:30 a.m. Sunday (Ordinary Form) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

11:30 a.m. (Extraordinary Form - Latin) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1:00 p.m. (Ordinary Form - Spanish) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Return by Tuesday, March 30, 2020***

**Practice for First Holy Communion**  
**Enrollment in the Brown Scapular**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday, April 25 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Listed below is a schedule of events that will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for all communicants.

1. Students must arrive by 9:45 a.m. and come directly to the school building (not the St. Joseph building). Parents should wait in the church.
2. The catechist will discuss the process with the students. Students will line-up accordingly and walk over to the church as a group to begin the practice at 10:00 a.m.
3. Following the practice, students will be enrolled in the Brown Scapular Confraternity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel up at the altar.  
*(Brown Scapulars will be provided).*
4. Students, will make the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
5. Light refreshments will follow in the school.



# **First Holy Communion & Ceremony**

**Saturday, May 2 @ 11:00 a.m.**

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m. Please have your communicant arrive no later than 10:30 a.m. and have them come directly to the school.

Mrs. Jennifer Gammel, and Mrs. Jackie Gammel, will be in the school to get the students lined up and ready to proceed over to the church. The class will walk over as a group.

There is a total of \_\_\_ students receiving their First Holy Communion. The first couple rows on each side of the aisle will be reserved for the students, girls will be on the left and boys will be on the right. The rows directly behind the students will be reserved, **ONE** each for immediate families which will be indicated by last name. The seating behind the reserved family seating will be open to other family members, relatives and friends who will be joining us.

## **Dress Code for Girls**

White dress, veil and/or tiara and dress shoes.

Parents, kindly retain purses or other accessories with you until after Mass. They tend to be a distraction during the Mass & ceremony.

## **Dress Code for Boys**

Suits OR dress pants, white shirt, tie and dress shoes.

## **Photos**

After the ceremony, a group photo of all the communicants will be taken up at the altar.

Following the group photo, families may take individual pictures with the priests up at the altar.

***NOTE: During the Mass & ceremony we ask that family members please refrain from coming up to the altar to take photos.***

## **Reception**

Students and their families are invited to a light reception in the school after the ceremony.

## **First Holy Communion Certificate & Gift**

Students can pick up their certificate and gift in the school after the ceremony.

## **May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Sunday, May 3, 2020**

**@ 9:30 a.m. Mass**

The May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother Mary will be held on Sunday, May 3, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. ALL First Holy Communicants are invited and encouraged to participate in this beautiful tradition of the Catholic Church.

- Students are to meet in the back of the church (vestibule) at least ten minutes prior to the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The CRE and catechist will be there to help coordinate the procession.
- Students may bring long stem flowers (although not required) to be placed in the vase at the foot of Mary's altar during the ceremony.
- One student will be chosen to carry the crown.
- Once Mass begins, the students will proceed into the church behind the altar servers and ahead of the priest.
- The Crowning of Mary will immediately take place at Mary's altar where students will place the flowers one at a time in the vases provided on the floor of the altar.
- After the crowning, students will walk back slowly and sit with their families in the pews.

***Please wear your First Holy Communion attire.***