

First Reconciliation

Jesus said to His disciples again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." John 20:21-23

Welcome to the St. Aloysius Parish First Reconciliation link. Here you will find information related to preparing your child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, one of the most beautiful sacraments in our Catholic Faith. It is through Reconciliation that we receive God's love and forgiveness and are brought back into union with the Church.

Celebrating this sacrament should be joyful, peaceful and reassuring. Our goal is to create an open dialogue between you and your child as he or she prepares to receive this sacrament. Since infancy, you have been teaching your child how to make good choices and to recognize the difference between good and bad actions through your words and your behavior. You have instilled in them a sense of right and wrong, and an understanding of the words "sorry", "apology", and "forgiveness". These are the cornerstones of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please use this parish resource as your child prepares to celebrate this sacrament and continues to grow and learn from God, from you and from our St. Aloysius Parish Church community.

First Reconciliation will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 10 A.M. in the Church.

Please register for this sacrament by filling out a *First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Candidate Information Form*; mail it to the Parish Office.

There will be a *Parent Meeting and Afternoon of Reflection* on Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. Parents and First Reconciliation Candidates both attend this required function. Please meet in the Church.

In addition, you will receive occasional e-blasts that will hopefully help you and your child communicate more effectively about the decisions he/she makes to live as a child of God. Please use these opportunities to grow together as a family as well as in your faith. All e-blasts* will be archived on the *First Reconciliation* page of our *Sacraments* link on the St. Aloysius Church website which can be found at <http://church.aloysius.org/>.

Your family's preparation for First Reconciliation should be a grace-filled time. We hope your family feels well-prepared and experiences God's forgiving love in the celebration of this wonderful sacrament.

Please contact Tricia Greely at tgreely@staloyisiusparish.com with any questions or concerns.

Links to Weekly E-Blasts:

- 12-16-17 First Reconciliation
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