

Preparation Process

- **Mass Attendance:** In order for children to fully grasp this Sacrament and its meaning in their life, weekly Sunday Mass attendance is vital. It provides the context for their class learning, and gives the foundation for their budding Eucharistic spirituality.
- **Registration:** Registrations and Baptismal information must be completed and submitted to the CFF office by *October 31, 2017*.
- **Enrollment:** All children will be formally enrolled as Candidates for this initiation Sacrament at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, November 4, 2017. Fr. Loc will have the candidates for Eucharist and Confirmation Sacraments stand for a blessing as a sign of their enrollment into preparation for the Sacraments.
- **Special Projects:** Children are gathered together in community to experience their faith and further their understanding of Eucharist through different activities, prayers and projects.
- **Monday & Wednesday Classes:** Children are led by their teachers through a variety of activities and reflections to encounter and begin to understand the meaning of Eucharist. The second grade *Faith First Eucharist* book is used.
- **Family Time:** Parents and children discover and reflect on Eucharist by completing the We Celebrate Eucharist book ("Gold Book") together. These meetings may take place in the family's home as the family's schedule allows. Parents are supplied with guides for discussion and learning with their child in the gold book.
- **Gold Book Show and Tell:** Each child and at least one parent meet with one or two First Eucharist team members from our parish community (Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharist Catechists, Pastoral Staff). The We Celebrate Eucharist book is shared during the meeting, as well as conversation about what Eucharist means to all of us. An email will be sent after the first of the year to sign up for available Show and Tell sharing time.

The scheduling of children:

- In November, first Eucharist families will be randomly scheduled for one of the two Masses in April. Families will receive notification by email.
- Families may call the Faith Formation office at 891-8867 or email Mary Krell at mkrell@holymfamilycaledonia.org to inquire about switching Masses if the assigned time presents a conflict for your family.
- Scheduling changes should be made by February 28, 2018.

Note: Practice will be held during class the week of April 9 and 11. Students and at least one parent must attend the practice.

Celebration of First Eucharist

Each child will celebrate their first Eucharist with their family and parish community during a weekend liturgy.

When

Celebration dates are: April 14 at the 5:00pm Mass or April 15 at the 11:00am Mass.

The flow of the celebrations

- One pew at the front of church will be reserved for each family.
- The children and their parent/s will receive Eucharist before the congregation.
- The children will be congratulated by the Celebrant and the community after Communion.
- The children will sing and share their "Table Song" as the communion meditation.
- A group photo will be taken before the Masses.

Sacrament of Eucharist Enrollment Form 2017-18

Child's Full Name _____

Baptized at

() Holy Family Date _____

() Other than Holy Family*

Church name _____

Address _____

Date of Baptism _____

(If your child is not yet baptized, please see Chris Shafer for RCIA schedule.)

Father's Full Name _____

Mother's Full Maiden Name _____

Email _____

Best Contact Phone _____

**Note: If child was baptized at a church other than Holy Family, we must have a copy of the Baptismal certificate. Please call the Baptismal parish to request a certificate be sent to you. Holy Family only needs a copy.*

In cases of custody, please read backside.

Please return completed form and baptismal information by October 31, 2017.

First Eucharist Enrollment Mass

When: Saturday, November 4 at the 5:00pm Mass only.

Seating: You may sit anywhere in church with your child during Mass.

What: During the Mass, Fr. Loc will give blessing to all candidates preparing for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

Clothing: Regular Mass clothing is appropriate.

In cases of custody

Please attach legal documentation verifying the custodial arrangement of this child. Please note: joint custody requires a letter of permission for this Sacrament from both parents, whether Catholic or non-Catholic. In cases of sole custody where the person completing this form is not the custodial parent, a letter of permission is required from the parent who has sole custody. This letter of permission can be obtained on the Parish website, or by calling the Faith Formation office.

In cases where the parent is not presenting the child for the Sacrament, (ex. grandparent, foster parent), please contact the Faith Formation office at 891-8867 for information.

First Eucharist Calendar

Every Sunday	Attend Mass
October-April, 2018	Faith Formation Classes
October 5, 2017	Parent Meeting
October, 2017	Family Time: Gold Book theme 1
October 31, 2017	Enrollment forms and Baptismal information due
November 4, 2017	First Eucharist and Sacrament of Confirmation Candidates Enrollment at 5pm Mass
November, 2017	Mass Assignments emailed
November, 2017	Family Time: Gold Book theme 5
December, 2017	Family Time: Gold Book theme 2
January, 2018	Family Time: Gold Book themes 3 & 4
January, 2018	Altar Cloth Square Project <i>(to be explained)</i>
February, 2018	Preparation Gold Book "Show and Tell" Scheduling
February, 2018	Family Time: Gold Book themes 6 & 7
February 28, 2018	Final Date for Mass Assignment Changes
March, 2018	Family Time: Gold Book theme 8
March 8, 2018	Pew Banner Work Night (optional)
March 18 & 19, 2018	Schedule with families Gold Book "Show and Tell" sharing times
March-April, 2018	Family Time: Gold Book theme 9
April 9 & 11, 2018	Practice will be held during class. <i>Students and at least one parent must attend the practice.</i>
April 14, 2018	First Eucharist Celebration <i>(5:00pm Mass)</i>
April 15, 2018	First Eucharist Celebration <i>(11:00am Mass only)</i>

First Celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist

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Information for Parents

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