Per the policy of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe in regards to the Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Communion): “It is the responsibility of parishes to provide programs for all children and parents preparing for the celebration of First Reconciliation and the First Eucharist” and in regards to the Sacrament of Confirmation: “Parents or Guardians of Confirmation candidates are expected to participate in any meetings or classes required by the parish” and “sponsors should participate in sessions with candidates, and they are expected to participate in sessions specifically designed for sponsors.” Our parish provides such programs for both parents and sponsors.

This year our focus will be on the Eucharist as part of the National Eucharistic Revival where we are invited to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ, Our Lord, through the celebration of the Eucharist. The schedule for each unit of classes is listed below. The cost for each unit will depend on the cost of the resources used. **REMEMBER:** however, money should not prevent you from attending.

All First Communion Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Confirmation Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and their Confirmation Sponsors are **REQUIRED** to be present and participate in at least one of the five units (or all of them, if you so desire). **Units I, III and IV** will be held at the Santa Maria de la Paz Social Hall. **Units II and V** will be held in the Main Church.

**UNIT ONE:**
LECTIO: Eucharist Part I
with Dr. Grant Pitre

Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  
Source and Summit  
Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  
In the Beginning  
Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  
Lamb of God  
Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  
Miracles of the Exodus  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  
Mysteries of the Tabernacle

**UNIT TWO:**
EUCHARISTIC RETREAT: Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist
Augustine Institute

During this retreat we will explore the truth and beauty of Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. Each evening will consist of praise and worship, evening prayer, retreat presentation and discussion and end with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, night prayer and Reposition.

Sunday, October 22, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  
Presence: God is with Us  
Monday, October 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  
Presence: The Story of the Eucharist  
Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  
Presence: Bread for the Journey  
Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  
Presence: Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist
UNIT THREE:
BECOMING EUCHARISTIC PEOPLE:
The Hope and Promise of Parish Life
by Timothy P. O’Malley

Tue, November 7, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Chapter 1: What is Eucharistic Culture?
Tue, November 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Chapter 2: A Culture of Eucharistic Reverence
Tue, November 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Chapter 3: A Culture of Integral Eucharistic Formation
Tue, November 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Chapter 4: A Eucharistic Popular Catholicism
Tue, December 5, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Chapter 5: A Culture of Eucharistic Solidarity & Conclusion: A Place Where Hearts are Continually Aflame

UNIT FOUR:
LECTIO: Eucharist Part II
with Dr. Grant Pitre

Tue, January 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Miracles of Jesus
Tue, January 16, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Bread of Life Discourse
Tue, January 23, 2024, 6:00 p.m. The Last Supper and the Cross
Tue, January 30, 2024, 6:00 p.m. The Mass
Tue, February 6, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Revelation

UNIT FIVE:
PARISH MISSION: The Eucharist
“Behold, I make all things NEW!”
Invited guest speaker

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1324). In the Eucharist, we truly encounter the Lord Jesus and are plunged into his Paschal Mystery, and through this encounter our lives are transformed (cf. Desiderio Desideravi, no. 10-11,21). Did you know that seven in ten Catholics believe the Eucharist is merely a symbol, an encounter with an “it” instead of a “who”? This reality should break our hearts, not because of what it means for Mass attendance but because so many Catholics are missing the opportunity to know Jesus Christ.

During this Year of Parish Revival (the third year of the National Eucharistic Revival) it is our hope to revive in our parishioners, through this mission and other events, their love for Jesus in the Eucharist, transform their lives and truly learn that the Eucharist is not merely a symbol. This mission is devoted exclusively to the Eucharist and how Eucharistic worship and the implications of this worship are vital for our whole lives. Invigorate your relationship with Jesus Christ by attending this mission!

Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 7, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Man should tremble, the world should quake, all Heaven should be deeply moved when the son of God appears on the altar in the hands of the priest.

- SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI