

September 3, 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We, as a faith community, are called to evangelize and catechize the young people of St. Gabriel. Do you see your child receiving First Holy Communion this year?

If so, please fill out the enclosed paperwork and return it to the Parish Center no later than September 13, 2026. Please include a copy of your child's baptismal certificate and a \$75 check payable to: St. Gabriel Church to the Parish Center at 2559 40th Avenue. This fee covers the cost of books, family guides, and other instructional items.

Registration may be completed online at <https://www.sgparish.org/religious-education>.

Once we receive your paperwork, your child will receive their Reconciliation Book, My Reconciliation booklet, and calendar with dates for the completion of each chapter. Students will bring their books to school on those dates to be reviewed by their teachers. The books will be sent to their classrooms. You will receive a Parent Guide to help you assist your child at home. All will help prepare them for their First Reconciliation on January 12th.

There is a schedule of important mandatory meeting dates for students and parents to attend on the reverse side of this letter. If you are unable to attend any of the sessions, please let me know at dlawrence@sgparish.org. First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, May 8th at 11:00.

I look forward to working with you during this very special year of grace for your child and family.

Yours In Christ,

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FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM 2026-2027

Parent **and** **child** must attend all sessions*

Dates are subject to change

THURSDAY	PARENT SESSION 1	5:30 PM in Church
October 8 th	(Reconciliation)	

SUNDAY	Rite of Acceptance*	
October 18 th	Mass attended by First Communicants & Parents	10:00 AM Mass in Church

***Coffee, juice and donuts will be served in Bedford Hall following mass.**

TUESDAY	Sacrament of	5:30 PM in Church
January 12 TH	Reconciliation	

TUESDAY	Parent Session 2	5:30 PM in Church
April 27 th	(Eucharist & 1 st Communion Rehearsal)	

SATURDAY	First Holy Communion**	11:00 AM Mass in Church
May 8 th		

These meetings are MANDATORY for parents (at least one) and child. Please mark your calendars. If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled meetings, please let Diane Lawrence, Religious Education Coordinator know at dlawrence@sgparish.com beforehand.

****Details will follow for May 8, 2027 the Day of the First Holy Communion.**