

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH & CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Dear Parents of the First Communion Class:

To prepare your child for his/her First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion there are several things that need to be completed for your child to receive these wonderful sacraments.

1. For your child to receive First Holy Communion our church must have documentation of your child's baptism. If your child was not baptized at St. Joseph or St Francis Xavier Parish, you will need to get a one, from the church that they were baptized. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call the parish office at the church where your child was baptized. They know exactly what to send!
2. There is an attendance policy. This policy states that your child is not miss more than 4 classes during the year, as it is important for the student to study and learn the meaning of the sacrament.
3. Below is a list of dates of required events:

January 20, 2018 - First Reconciliation Workshop (9:30-11:00am; at least one parent is to attend this workshop with his/her child)

February 7, 2018- First Reconciliation (during Wednesday evening class; parents are strongly recommended to come with their child; 2 priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this evening)

March 3, 2018- First Communion Workshop (9:30am-11:00am; at least one parent is to attend this workshop with his/her child)

May 2, 2018 - First Communion Practice (during the last Wednesday evening class)

May 6, 2018 – First Communion Mass– 11:00 am. St. Joseph's Church

If you have any questions or concerns, please, contact me.

In Christ,

Fr. John Drees
Parochial Administrator

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Baptism Information: 1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion

Please fill out and return this form to Fr. Drees or Kathie Stoehr by Dec 6th, 2017

Name Child preparing for first sacraments _____

Parent name _____

Please mark one of these boxes and return to

- My child was baptized at St. Joseph in Taylors Falls, MN
- My child was baptized at St. Francis Xavier in Franconia, MN

My child was baptized at the church of _____ and I contacted them requesting that they send a baptismal certificate to St. Joseph's

Below is a sample baptismal request form can also be found on the parish website <http://stjosephtaylorsfalls.org> under the Sacraments drop down menu.

Baptism certificate request

To whom this may concern,

I need a baptismal certificate to be send to my parish for **(child's full name, First, Middle & Last)** who is preparing to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion in the next year.

(child's name) was born on **(date of birth)** and was baptized **(give a year or a range of years if you are unsure)** at **(church of baptism, city and state)**.

When you get a chance, would you please send a copy of my child's baptism info (baptismal certificate) to the parish where my child is being prepared for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion which is listed below?

Church of St. Joseph
Att: First Sacraments
490 Bench Street
PO Box 234
Taylors Falls, MN 55084