



Saint Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church

FIRST PENANCE & FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

- ❖ There are **three sessions** in preparation for the celebration of First Penance.
 - (a) a “parents only” session
 - (b) two subsequent sessions with child and parent(s) attending together.
- ❖ There are **four sessions** in preparation for the celebration of Communion.
 - (c) a “parents only” session
 - (d) three subsequent sessions with child and parent(s) attending together.
- ❖ The celebration of First Penance and First Communion occurs after the completion of the preparation for those sacraments. There is no group celebration of the Sacrament of First Penance.

CALENDAR OF SESSIONS:

FALL 2018 – FIRST PENANCE Preparation

Tuesday, September 11, 2018	Prayer Session	Parents only	6:30-8:00 pm
Saturday, September 22, 2018	Retreat Option 1*	Parent & child	10:30 – 12:15 pm
Tuesday, September 25, 2018	Retreat Option 2*	Parent & child	6:30-8:15 pm
Tuesday, October 2, 2018	Prayer Session	Parent & child	6:30 – 8:00 pm

**Families choose one retreat session to attend*

FALL 2018 - FIRST COMMUNION Preparation

Tuesday, October 16, 2017	Prayer Session	Parents only	6:30-8:00 pm
Tuesday, October 30, 2018	Prayer Session	Parent & child	6:30-8:15 pm
Tuesday, November 6, 2018	Retreat Option 1*	Parent & child	6:30-8:15 pm
Saturday, November 10, 2018	Retreat Option 2*	Parent & child	10:15am-12:00 pm
Tuesday, November 13, 2018	Prayer Session	Parent & child	6:30-8:00 pm

**Families choose one retreat session to attend*

WINTER / SPRING 2019 – FIRST PENANCE Preparation

Tuesday, January 8, 2019	Prayer Session	Parents only	6:30-8:00 pm
Tuesday, January 29, 2019	Retreat Option 1*	Parent & child	6:30-8:15 pm
Saturday, February 2, 2019	Retreat Option 2*	Parent & child	10:30 – 12:15 pm
Tuesday, February 5, 2019	Prayer Session	Parent & child	6:30 – 8:00 pm

**Families choose one retreat session to attend*

SPRING 2019 - FIRST COMMUNION Preparation

Tuesday, March 19, 2019	Prayer Session	Parents only	6:30-8:00 pm
Tuesday, March 26, 2019	Prayer Session	Parent & child	6:30-8:00 pm
Saturday, April 6, 2019	Retreat Option 1*	Parent & child	10:15am-12:00 pm
Tuesday, April 9, 2019	Retreat Option 2*	Parent & child	6:30-8:15 pm
Tuesday, April 30, 2019	Prayer Session	Parent & child	6:30-8:00 pm

**Families choose one retreat session to attend*

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS:

After your family has completed the preparation sessions (three for Penance and four for First Communion) and your child has received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time, you may choose to celebrate First Communion:

- a. Individually or with a few other families at most of our weekend Masses.
- b. In a large group, on the weekends of **November 24-25th, 2018 and May 4-5, 2019**. Sign-ups will take place online.