

This is the beginning of
a very exciting year for
you!

First Reconciliation
and **First Eucharist**
are big steps for your
child to take in their
faith journey.

Father Don and I are
looking forward to
getting started!

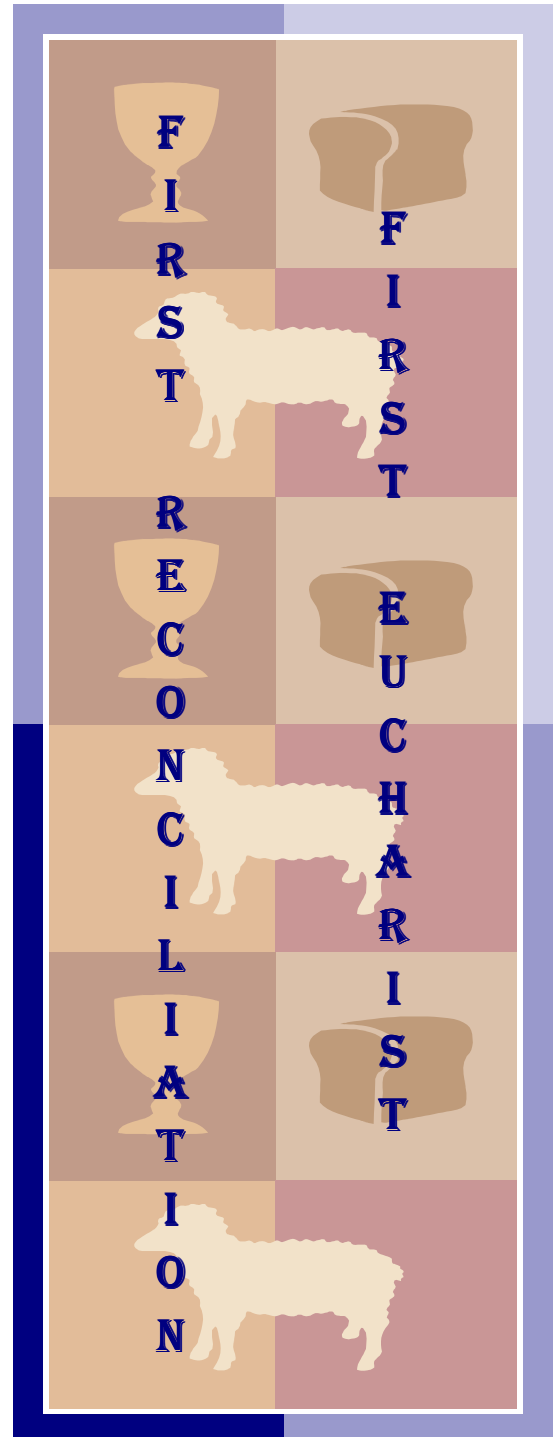
Inside are the dates
that you will want to
put on your calendar
now .

We know that parents
are the Primary teacher
of the faith for their
own children. As
parents you teach by
word and action
everyday. Our hope is
to guide you (coach
you) in ways to help
you prepare your child
for these great
sacraments!

~ *Patty Cook*

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What's involved in preparation?

For each Sacrament there are 3 main components in the preparation process:

Parent/Child Coaching Session—

During this coaching session we will go over expectations for completing the preparation period and provide you with the tools and materials so that you will feel ready to do your “at-home” study. Both parent and child should be present for this session.

“God’s Gift: Reconciliation” and “God’s Gift: Eucharist”—you will

receive these books at the respective parent/child coaching session. Each book includes a parent magazine that will help you to walk through each lesson with your child.

Retreat—The retreat is a time to validate what the kids have been learning at home and in classes (*RE or MACS*). The retreats are done with St. Mary families. We do ask that at least one parent attend the retreat with their child.

To begin sacramental preparation your child *must* be enrolled in, and attending, either MACS or Religious Education classes.

First Reconciliation

November 13th – 9:00am – First Reconciliation Parent/Child Coaching Session @ St. Henry Dining Room

December 10th – 1pm – First Reconciliation Retreat @ St. Mary gym (*approximately 2 hours*)

December 14th – 6:30pm – First Reconciliation @ St. Henry Church

This is the Advent Communal Reconciliation Service for the parish and the perfect time to introduce your child to Reconciliation.

You may choose another time for First Reconciliation if you would prefer. We can discuss options available.



IMPORTANT:

If your child was not baptized at St. Henry or St. Mary Church in Marshalltown, nor Immaculate Conception Church, Haverhill the parish office will need a copy of their baptismal certificate prior to the reception of First Eucharist. If you have not yet provided this to the office at St. Henry or MACS we ask that you please do so soon.

Preparing for the Changes:

In preparation for the changes at Mass the St. Henry Faith Formation program is planning “A Walk Through the Mass” as one of our intergenerational events. We will be doing the walk through the changes to the Mass for K-4th grade on November 20th at 9:10am in the church. All RE parents and MACS students/families are invited!

First Eucharist

February 19th –

9:00am – First Eucharist Parent/Child Coaching Session @ St. Henry Dining Room



April 21st – 10am – First Eucharist Retreat @ St. Henry church (*approximately 2 hours; followed by lunch*)

April 28th – 10am – Picture and Practice @ St. Henry church (*Plan on 1 hour*). Child will need to arrive at the church dressed for a formal group picture.

April 28th & 29th – First Eucharist is held at all weekend Masses (*Please arrive at least 20 minutes before Mass*).