

**CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH
FIRST CONFESSION/COMMUNION
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2024-2025**

The following events, in addition to the religious education you receive from Christ the King School or the Parish Religious Education program, are planned to help you prepare your child (2nd or 3rd grade*) to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. *4th grade and up need to attend the CIC program.

RE Students = Wednesday Night Religious Education Students. **CK Students** = Christ the King School Students.

<u>FIRST CONFESSION PARENTS' MEETING</u>			
[Attendance is required for Parents/Guardians and First Communion candidates.]			
October 8, 2024 (Tue)	Church Sanctuary	7pm	This session helps parents develop a deeper understanding of the sacrament of Reconciliation and provides materials to use with your child. We also review the overall sacramental preparation program for this year.
	OR		
October 9, 2024 (Wed)	Gathering Space	7pm	
<u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ART PROJECT</u>			
[Attendance is required for First Communion candidates ONLY.]			
November 13, 2024 (Wed) (RE Students)		7pm	This special First Reconciliation preparation project allows children to create a mini version of himself or herself who accompanies them to First Confession.
November 14, 2024 (Thu) (CK Students)		8:30am	
	Held in CK School cafeteria.		
<u>CEREMONY OF LIGHT</u>			
[Attendance is required for Parents/Guardians and First Communion candidates. *]			
December 4, 2024 (Wed)	Church Sanctuary	7pm	This ceremony emphasizes your child's baptism and renews baptismal promises. There will be signing of names, which indicates your child is a candidate ready to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.
*Please arrange for childcare for younger siblings or call the parish office for childcare reservations.			
<u>CHURCH TOUR</u>			
[Attendance is required for First Communion candidates ONLY.]			
January 8, 2025 (Wed) (RE Students)		7pm	This tour helps familiarize the children with the church sanctuary and confessionals to build comfort before their first confession at the upcoming Penance Service.
TBD 2025 (Thu) (CK Students)		TBD	
	Held in Church Sanctuary.		
<u>PENANCE SERVICE</u>			
[Attendance is required for Parents/Guardians and First Communion candidates.]			
January 12, 2025 (Sun)	Church Sanctuary	2pm	This is for children who will be making their first confession. Each child will have an opportunity for private confession.
<u>FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING</u>			
[Attendance is required for Parents/Guardians ONLY.]			
February 4, 2025 (Tue)	Church Sanctuary	7pm	This session helps parents develop a deeper understanding of the sacrament of Eucharist and provides materials to use with your child.
	OR		
February 5, 2025 (Wed)	Gathering Space	7pm	
<u>FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHT</u>			
[Attendance is required for First Communion candidates and their families.]			
March 11, 2025 (Tue)	CK School cafeteria	7pm	This special family event has become an honored tradition at Christ the King. Families bring ingredients and make bread together remembering how Jesus shared bread with His friends.
Last name beginning with the letters A-L			
March 12, 2025 (Wed)	CK School cafeteria	7pm	
Last name beginning with the letters M-Z			

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

April 26th, 2025 (Sat.): 9:00am, 11:00am and 1:00pm