

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
Hammond, Indiana**

**First Confession Information
March 10, 2017
10am in the church**

Participation for the Reception of First Confession requires

- Families be registered members of the parish for a minimum of two years
- Regular participation at Mass
- Baptismal Certificate (if not Baptized at OLPH)
- Full payment of religious education tuition

First Confession

Saturday, March 10, 2017

10 am in the Church

Parents are to attend with their children

Parent Meeting

Monday, February 5

6:00 pm English presentation, Church

6:30pm Spanish presentation in Gathering Area

Ring Mass

Sunday, March 11, 2017

10 am Mass

In our parish we celebrate first reconciliation by giving finger rings on the Sunday following First Confession.

WHEN IS MY CHILD READY TO GO TO CONFESSION?

- Trusts that God's mercy is found in Jesus;
- Desires to receive for the sacrament;
- Knows the difference between right and wrong;
- Accepts responsibility for wrongful thoughts or actions;
- Knows the difference between "on accident" and "on purpose;"
- Describes what is the wrong behavior;
- Recognizes the effect of his or her actions on others;
- Asks forgiveness for what was said or done;
- Desires to change one's behavior; and
- Know ways to "make up" or do penance for what one did wrong.

Your child needs to say this Act of Contrition – please help your child have it memorized.

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

**In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things.**

**I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance,
to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.**

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In His Name, My God, have mercy. AMEN

Policy for First Communion for Children newly registered in 3rd Grade

It is required that a child attend two consecutive years prior to receiving First Communion. A child starting our program in third grade will begin preparation for and receive the Sacrament of Confession in the first year of our program. They will receive First Holy Communion the following year.

Policy for First Communion of Children newly registered in 4th thru 8th grade

A child must be in our religious education program one year prior to preparation for and receiving the sacraments of Confession and Communion. In the first year in our program a child will be placed in the grade corresponding to public school. In the second year that child will be in the multi-grade sacramental preparation program.

Policy for Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is a two year program normally in the 7th and 8th grade. A child newly registered in the 8th grade will need to attend religious education for two years and will receive Confirmation in the fall of their 10th grade.

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