

Practical Considerations for the Sacrament of First Penance

First Penance:

- The children will receive Penance on: Thursday, December 7 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Please arrive no later than 6:45 p.m.
- Attire – please dress your children in their Sunday Church clothes

Students sit with their parents in the area of the Church assigned to his/her teacher during the ceremony. Once the actual Confessions begin, we will bring the children to the confessionals. Families are asked to remain quiet and reflective during this time.

Family Confessions – we will have Priests assigned to confessionals for anyone wishing to receive the Sacrament of Penance as well. What a great way to show your child how important this Sacrament truly is!

Refreshments – will be served in the Fr. Scheg Center after the conclusion of the Penance Services. Please join us afterward to celebrate!

If your child cannot attend on Thursday, December 7, please contact the religious education office. In case of illness or family emergency, parents will take their child to Penance on their own (with advance notice).

Preparation:

Please help your child prepare for the Sacrament of Penance by helping them memorize their prayers, and talking with them about right and wrong and making amends when we do make a mistake.

Most importantly, we stress that this is a beautiful healing Sacrament. Please help keep the anxiety and worry levels to a minimum to ensure that your child will receive this Sacrament and have a positive experience!

