

To: Second Grade Parents

From: Mary Farrell, Director of Religious Education

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Re: First Sacraments

Your child will receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion this year. Congratulations! It is a wonderful time for you and your child. We have revised our program to help families more fully understand the beauty of our faith. We will begin with a parent only meeting on **Sunday, October 1 at 3:30pm**. This will be followed by a parent and child meeting on **October 15 at 3:30pm**. First Reconciliation will take place in the church on **December 2 at 9:30am** followed by a reception for the children and their families. They will need to bring their decorated heart, which they will receive at the parent/child meeting. After receiving this sacrament, they will light a candle and place their heart on the bulletin board.

You may purchase the books you will need to prepare for these Sacraments at the parent meeting. (Cost is \$40.00 for the complete set.) There is a child's workbook and a family guide. If you have Sacraments books from an older child, you are welcome to use them again.

There will be a parent only meeting for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist on **January 14 at 3:30pm**. There will be a parent and child meeting for this Sacrament on **January 28 at 3:30pm**. The Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist will be at all of the Masses on the weekend of **April 14 and 15**. Rehearsal will take place on **April 14 at 9:30am**. Please arrange your schedules so you can be present at the rehearsal.

You will be receiving a call from a Blessed Sacrament Companion explaining the program and our expectations. These Companions will walk with you and your child on this faith journey; praying for you, answering any questions you may have and keeping you informed of upcoming events.

As you complete the Registration form, please include your email address. This is the best way for the Companions to contact you. If you do not have an email address, please indicate the best way to contact you - phone or text - and the best number to use.

God Bless you and your child as you begin this exciting journey in your child's faith life. If you have questions, you may contact your Companion or me by phone (342-3336) or email at mary@blessedsacramentchurch.org. I look forward to helping you and your child prepare for these Sacraments.