



Religious Education Ministry
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Dear Second Grade Parents and Guardians:

You and your child are beginning a wonderful journey. Saying “Amen” when receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the first time, your child will become one with Jesus in a new way. In faith, you are bringing your child not just to the one moment of First Eucharist, but also to a more complete participation in St. Joseph’s Parish.

Second grade students in our Parish will receive two sacraments this year: **Reconciliation in January** and **First Eucharist in April and May**. In preparation for these sacraments, there will be a **mandatory information meeting** for all second grade parents on **Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please enter through the MAIN DOORS of the Church and sign in with your child’s catechist upon arrival. Practical information will be discussed and each family will receive a package of preparation materials.

St. Joseph’s Parish continues to grow and in response we will have **three** sessions for each sacrament this year.

GROUP 1: Students in 2B-Ms. Lemanski/Mrs.Zaluski/Mrs. Harrison, 2C-Mrs. Natsch/Mrs. Bender
Reconciliation on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 10:00AM
First Eucharist on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 10:00AM
Practice for first Eucharist will take place from 2:15-3:30pm on April 25, 2018.

GROUP 2 - Students in SJS-Mrs. Thompson, 2A-Mrs. King/Mrs. McMahon
Reconciliation on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 10:00AM
First Eucharist on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 10:00AM
Practice for first Eucharist will take place from 2:15—3:30pm on May 2, 2018.

GROUP 3 – Students in 2D- Mrs. O’Connor/Mrs. Lavoie, 2E-Mrs. Crisco/Mrs. Bendlin,
2F-Mrs. Devitt/Mrs. Inello
Reconciliation on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 2:00PM
First Eucharist on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 2:00PM
Practice for first Eucharist will take place from 4:15pm-5:30pm on May 2, 2018.

Be sure to mark the dates for Reconciliation and the First Eucharist Mass on your calendar now. The celebration of First Communion is an exciting moment for our entire parish community. ***If you foresee a problem with your assigned Reconciliation/Communion date, please contact the Director, Mrs. Gilligan by November 15, 2017.***

We at St. Joseph’s Parish have taken great care to provide a Sacramental preparation process that, with your help, will not only enrich your child, but your family as well. Know that you will have the prayers of the St. Joseph Parish Community as you prepare to bring your child to the Table of the Lord.

Sincerely,

Fr. Peter McGeory
Pastor

Mrs. Antoinette Gilligan
Director of Religious Education

Ms. Margaret Kazan
Principal