



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 Communion, 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 Communion in May**. In preparation for these sacraments, there will be a **mandatory information meeting** for all second-grade parents on **Wednesday, October 24 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 will have **three** sessions for each sacrament this year.

GROUP 1: Students in SJS-Mrs. Thompson/Mrs. Carley, 2C-Mrs. Natsch/Mrs. Bender
Reconciliation on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
First Communion on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
Practice for First Communion will take place from 3:30-4:45 p.m. on May 1, 2019.

GROUP 2 - Students in 2A-Mrs. Crisco/Mrs. Bendlin, 2B-Mrs. O’Connor/Mrs. Lavoie, 2D-Mrs. Doheny
Reconciliation on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
First Communion on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
Practice for First Communion will take place from 3:30-4:45 p.m. on May 1, 2019.

GROUP 3 – Students in 2E-Mrs. Lemanski/Mrs. McGuire, 2F-Mrs. McMahon/Mrs. Savoy, 2HS-Mrs. Gilligan
Reconciliation on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
First Communion on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
Practice for First Communion will take place from 5:15-6:30pm on May 8, 2019.

Be sure to mark the dates for Reconciliation and the First Communion 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 14, 2018.**

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. You will have the prayers of the St. Joseph’s 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

Mrs. Mary Ellen DeMarzo-Sanchez
Principal