January 31, 2024

Dear Parents of Students in their Second Year of Preparation to Receive Sacrament of First Communion:

This is an important year for your child as he/she is preparing to receive his/her First Reconciliation as well as First Communion! The following is a list of very important events which your child MUST attend in preparation for both of these Sacraments:

RECONCILIATION RETREAT - FEBRUARY 10th at 9:00 a.m. in PARISH HALL

- The retreat will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. and it will end approximately at 1:00 p.m.
- Student must arrive in the Parish Hall and be signed in by accompanying parent or guardian by 8:45 a.m. Both parents are welcome if they both wish to attend. If parent cannot attend, then perhaps the Baptismal Godparent can accompany the child.
- There is a \$10.00 fee for each student with one adult, **due by February 7th**.
- The purpose of this retreat is to prepare the children to receive the Sacrament of Their First Reconciliation.

RITE OF ELECTION – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH at 11:00 a.m. MASS in CHURCH

- Mass will start promptly at 11:00 a.m.
- Child MUST BE SIGNED in by Sponsor in the Parish Hall by 10:30 a.m.
- Student will be accompanied by Parents and Sponsor as He or She enters mass and during mass.
- Church appropriate attire is required for Students, Parents and Sponsors.

SCRUTINIES – 3 SUNDAYS - MARCH 3, 10, and 11TH at 11:00 a.m. MASS in CHURCH

- Mass will start promptly at 11:00 a.m. EACH OF THESE 3 SUNDAYS.
- Student must arrive in the Parish Hall and be signed in by Sponsor by 10:30 a.m.
- Parents will wait inside the church until Mass is finished.
- Church appropriate attire is required for Student and Sponsors.

REHEARSAL FOR SACRAMENTS RECEPTION – TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND at 5:30 in PARISH HALL

• Sponsor must sing-in student by 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Parent will wait for Student inside the church until rehearsal is over at approximately 7:30 p.m.

RECEPTION OF ALL 3 SACRAMENTS – SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH at 9:00 a.m. in PARISH CHURCH

- Sponsor must sing-in student by 8:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Parent will wait for Student inside the church until mass is over. Church appropriate attire is required for Students and Sponsors.
- No pictures during mass, Father will be available for group photos after mass.

FIRST COMMUNION (EUCHARIST) RETREAT – APRIL 13th at 9:00 in HALL

- The retreat will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. and it will end approximately at 1:00 p.m.
- Student must arrive in the Parish Hall and be signed in by accompanying parent or guardian by 8:45 a.m. Both parents are welcome if they both wish to attend. If parent cannot attend, then perhaps the Baptismal Godparent can accompany the child.
- There is a \$10.00 fee for each student with one adult, **due by April 10**th.
- The purpose of this retreat is to prepare the children to receive the Sacrament of Their First Communion.

If your child misses any of these events we will need to postpone his or her Sacraments, to a later date. Feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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