

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear Parents of second grade kids!

Peace be with you! This is an exciting year for you and your youngster as we walk together through the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. I look forward to getting to know you all more! *Please be sure to read carefully the details and put the dates on your calendars!*

This year, we will be doing First Reconciliation on **December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm** in the afternoon. This gives you and your child several months to go to Reconciliation together before First Communion on **May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the 10:15am Mass**.

There are also **three sessions for parents after the 10:15am Mass at St. Agnes for each Sacrament**. I don't know about you—but if I had not learned more about the sacraments in seminary, I probably would not remember very much from my own faith formation years! In other words—this year is an opportunity for ALL of us to keep learning about Confession and Holy Communion! During the parent sessions, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be in their own classes with their teacher. Each session will be about 1 hour long. *If the parent session is missed for some reason, arrangements will need to be made for make-up. **Both parents are strongly invited**—if you need childcare for other children, please let us know by 1 week before the session by emailing me at [frtimothylange@gmail.com](mailto:frtimothylange@gmail.com) or 218-547-1054 (office).*

The parent sessions for First Reconciliation are as follows:

- Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 11:45am.
- Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:45am.
- Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:45am.
- [First Confession: Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm]

The parent sessions for First Communion are as follows:

- Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:45am.
- Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 11:45am.
- Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11:45am.
- [First Holy Communion: Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15am Mass]

The religious release days from school are also a **required** part of the second grade religious formation track, unless your child attends a Catholic school or is homeschooled. Information on religious release was sent through the school or available at the parent meeting—please let us know if you need it again.

First communion follows baptism—if your child has not yet been baptized, please let us know and we can work with you! ***Please fill out the attached application form and return it to the parish office by December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.***

We are excited to introduce again the “diving deeper” opportunities for faith and fun on Wednesday afternoons. The first date will be available ASAP. Forms will be sent by email.

Please know that homeschool-option kids are welcome to attend religious release days and diving deeper.

One of my favorite sayings is that Jesus loves us where we are, but he loves us too much to leave us there. God is calling us, inviting all of us to grow and go deeper this year and to make the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion a regular part of our lives, including Sunday Mass. I'm excited for the journey—I hope that you are too!

In Christ,

Father Timothy Lange  
Pastor

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K-5 Faith Formation