



Dear MTCES Second Grade Sacrament Families,

September 2017

In preparing for the First Eucharist Celebration we have some important dates and commitments for your calendar.

Sacrament Meeting

Sunday, October 29 at 9:00 am

In the Church (children and parents)

First Reconciliation

Sunday, January 20 10:00 AM

Children and their families should plan to attend this

Copies of Baptismal Certificates

Please turn into the parish Office by Sunday, January 28

*****A COPY IS ONLY NEEDED IF YOUR CHILD WAS NOT BAPTIZED AT OLOS*****

Banner

Please bring to First Communion Mass on April 21 at 4:15 PM

Mandatory Practice

Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 PM

Celebration

Saturday, April 21 4:15 pm

OLOS Church

Sacrament Meeting:

There will be a parent meeting in which we will discuss the upcoming sacraments for 2nd graders. Please come prepared with any questions about the logistics of these celebrations.

First Reconciliation:

Children will have the opportunity to make their first reconciliation on Saturday, January 20 at 10:00 am. Fr. Paul, Fr. Stephen, and other area priests will be available to hear confessions. Children and their families should plan to attend this.

Baptismal Certificates:

It is necessary to have your child's baptismal record to verify the Baptism and to post required information in the parish's sacramental register. Please request a copy of the baptismal certificate from the church where your child was baptized. Please turn these into the catechists or to the office no later than **Sunday, January 28**.

Banner:

Banners will be made by each First Communicant. These will be placed on the First Communicant's chair the day of the ceremony. This banner will designate the seat for the First Communicant and mark the row for family members. Karla Horstman will distribute these sets to you.

Poster:

Karla will create a poster to be on display the weekend of April 21-22. This will include a picture of each child and quote from each child on "What First Communion Means to Me". Karla will communicate more details to you about this as the date approaches.

Practice:

A full practice for all students celebrating First Eucharist will be held at 9:00 am on **Tuesday, April 17, 2017**. This is the **only rehearsal** before the celebration. It is very important the children attend.

Celebration:

Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on **Saturday, April 21 during the 4:15 p.m. Mass**. First Communicants will receive the sacrament as a class before the congregation.

As we begin this important sacramental preparation please pray for your child. Remember that you are the primary religious educator of your child. Encourage regular Mass participation, say grace together as a family before each meal, and be open to sharing your faith.

If you have any questions about the First Eucharist or anything else, please contact Chris Baumgardner.

Much Peace,

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BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE

If your child was baptized at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, please fill out the following and return it to the parish office no later than **Sunday, January 28th**. If not, please include a legible copy of your child's baptismal certificate.

Child's Name _____

Date of Baptism _____

Date of Birth _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____ (Maiden) _____