

Dear MTCES Second Grade Parents,

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

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Meeting

Sunday, October 28 at 9:00 am

Church (parents only)

First Reconciliation

Saturday, January 19 at 10:00 am

Children and their families should plan to attend this.

Copies of Baptismal Certificates

Please turn into the parish Office with your child's PSR registration form.

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

Fish Fry Dessert Table

Friday, March 5 4:15-7:45 PM

PAC

Mandatory Practice

Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00 PM

Church (children and at least one parent)

Celebration

Saturday, May 11th 4:15 pm Church

First Reconciliation:

There will be a parent meeting in which we will discuss the importance of reconciliation. Children will have the opportunity to make their first reconciliation on **Saturday, January 19** 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 with your child's PSR registration form. If your child was baptized at Our Lady of Sorrows, please fill out the enclosed form.

Fish Fry Dessert Table:

As Catholics, we are called to serve the world and each other. The Fish Fry Dessert table offers a perfect chance to do both! Students and their families work the table to serve parishioners and community members delicious treats to top off their meal. All donations from the table go to the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and support their mission in Haiti.

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. Banners should be brought to practice on Tuesday, May 7.

Practice:

A full practice for all students celebrating First Eucharist will be held at 7:00 PM on **Tuesday, May 7**. This is the **only rehearsal** before the celebration, it is very important the children and a parent attend.

Celebration:

Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 11th 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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