



Dear Second Grade Parents,

In preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist we have some important dates and commitments for your 2025-2026 calendar.

First Reconciliation Parents' Meeting

Sunday, November 2 at 9:15 am

Church (parents only)

First Reconciliation

Practice – Sunday, January 11 at 9:15am in the church

Reconciliation Service - Saturday, January 17 at 9:00 am in the church

Children and their families should plan to attend this.

First Eucharist Parents' Meeting

Sunday, February 1 at 9:15am in the Church (parents only)

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

Various Dates throughout Lent

Information will be posted before Lent

Prayer Service & Practice

Wednesday, April 29 6:00-7:00 pm

In the PAC (children and at least one parent)

Please bring your banners this night

First Communion Celebration

Saturday, May 2 4:00 pm Parish Activity Center (PAC)

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 17** at 9:00 am. Fr. Ben and other priests will be available to hear confessions. Children and their families should plan to attend this. **Complete the Forgiven series on FORMED as homework.**

First Eucharist Parents Meeting:

This is an informational meeting for First Eucharist preparation and ceremony on **Sunday, February 1st** at 9:15am . We will hold this meeting in the church. Please come prepared with any questions about the logistics of the celebration.

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, this is not necessary.

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 St. Michael's Indian School in Arizona. Service dates will be posted before Lent begins. **Complete the Presence series on FORMED as homework.**

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. Our Lady of Sorrows will provide each student with a piece of fabric for the banner, a blue chalice, and a yellow sunburst. The blue chalice and yellow sunburst must be used on the banner. The First Communicants name must be on the banner. Other than those requirements, the banners should be individualized with special gifts and talents unique to the First Communicant. Parents, you can bedazzle, sew, glue, whatever! The sky is the limit! Pinterest is a wonderful website to help inspire your creativity. Michaels or Hobby Lobby are great places to look for embellishments. Banners must be turned in at or before the **Potluck Dinner on April 3. DO WE WANT TO HAVE THIS???**

Practice & Prayer Service:

A full practice for all students celebrating First Eucharist will be held at 6:00 pm on **Wednesday, April 29th** . This is the **last rehearsal** before the celebration, **it is very important the children and a parent attend**. We will close with a prayer service that evening.

DRESS CODE: Sunday best - remember - there are pictures! Girls: White dress is not necessary (Although a majority of girls will wear a white dress). Boys: White shirt; dark trousers; dress shoes are recommended.

Celebration:

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 2 during the 4:00 p.m. Mass**. First Communicants will receive the sacrament as a class before the congregation. Suggestion – get there early, there tends to be a crowd...

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 please be open to sharing your faith.

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

Take care,

Gene Haas

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BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

If your child was baptized at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, please fill out the following and return it to the parish office ASAP.

Child's Name _____

Date of Baptism _____

Date of Birth _____

Fathers Name _____

Mothers Name _____ (Maiden) _____