



January 3, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Congratulations to everyone on the celebration of Reconciliation! We pray that this will be the first of many times your child will celebrate God's boundless mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Now we begin preparing for another milestone in your child's faith journey: his/her celebration of First Communion. This preparation includes a **Eucharist Parent Meeting** and a **Eucharist Centers Meeting**.

EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING (for parents/guardians only)

February 5 -6:30-7:45 PM

If you are interested in childcare, your registration is necessary and is due by February 4. To register, go to www.stanthony-dubuque.org, hold your mouse over "Sacraments, and "Sacramental Preparation" will appear in the drop down menu. Childcare will be provided in Room #1 located on the lowest level of the Stemm Building (attached to the church). You may enter through O'Malley Hall to access the Childcare Room. Please arrive early enough to allow time to deliver children to the Childcare Room before settling in O'Malley Hall.

EUCHARIST CENTERS

Eucharist Centers, for parents **and** their child preparing for First Communion, will be on March 16, 17, or 18. Further information about registering for centers will be sent to you in February, though this can be done online as well.

On the reverse side of this letter you will also find First Communion policies. After reviewing this material, please begin to notify the Faith Formation Office at 582-0377 or online at www.stanthony-dubuque.org, hold your mouse over "Sacraments, and "Sacramental Preparation" will appear in the drop down menu. Your reservation for your child's First Communion must be made by April 15. Nativity parishioners are automatically registered for the May 5 date.

During these weeks as we prepare together for your child's First Communion, please be sure to bring your child to Sunday Mass and take the time to talk with your child often about the Eucharist, read Bible stories together, and pray together.

Our parish family is excited to welcome your child to the table of the Lord. May God continue to bless your family richly during this time of preparation for First Holy Communion.

Sincerely,

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