



September 6, 2017

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

This year your child will be celebrating First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. Our sacramental preparation program has a family perspective to support you in preparing your child for these very important times in his/her faith journey, as well as to deepen your own experience and understanding of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

The foundation of this sacramental program is the conviction that as parents/guardians, you carry out the primary role in the religious formation of your children simply by being parents/guardians - the most important adults and Christians in your children's lives. We recognize that truth and want to support you in your ministry.

The Family Sacramental Program begins with an **Enrollment Ceremony** for you and your child and also includes two sets of essential meetings prior to the celebration of each sacrament:

1. **Reconciliation Parent Meeting & Reconciliation Centers**
2. **Eucharist Parent Meeting & Eucharist Centers**

Detailed information about each of the above can be found on the enclosed yellow sheet. Please note that you are asked to submit the following electronically:

1. Required baptismal information via the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sacramental Form at <http://www.stanthony-dubuque.org/2nd->
2. \$40 Sacramental Fee
3. Registration for child care during the parent meetings (if needed)
4. Registration for center times

Sacramental guidelines may be found on page 6 of the Holy Family Schools Policy Handbook and on page 2 of the St. Anthony-Nativity Religious Education Parent Handbook.

It is our hope that this sacramental program will offer a unifying, faith-enriching experience for your family. May God bless us as we share in your child's preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist.

In Christ,

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