

# **First Communion 2019 – At A Glance!**

## **All 2<sup>nd</sup> graders must be registered for our Faith Formation Program –**

- Please use our website – [www.stjosephscatholic.org](http://www.stjosephscatholic.org)
- Click on PreK thru Grade 5 under Faith Formation Tab
- Page down to find a schedule and our online registration link.

## **BLESSED 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Program:**

We are excited to be using the curriculum; *'Blessed: 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Program'*, developed by Matthew Kelly and DynamicCatholic.com. The lessons are catered to discover our faith in a colorful age appropriate format. The ease in using the workbooks and online videos will offer you this time together to be both BLESSED and fun! Together you must complete both of these workbooks in the timeline listed below.

## **PICK BREAD DAY ~March 23<sup>rd</sup> OR April 6<sup>th</sup>**

- **Held 9:30am ~ 1:30pm with lunch provided!**
- Please be sure to indicate which Bread Day you would like to attend **ASAP**.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A BOWL, SPOON AND AN APRON (if you choose) TO BREAD DAY!**

## **Reconciliation Prep... Complete 'Blessed – First Reconciliation' book.**

- Please be sure to have *read Chapters 1-4* in Blessed 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Book before class on March 13<sup>th</sup> – and entire book must be completed **BEFORE March 16<sup>th</sup>**
- **Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> • Ash Wednesday • Attend Mass at 7:00pm**
- **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> • Reconciliation Class • 6:15 – 7:00pm**
  - Dinner available between 4:45-6:45pm – Join In!
  - One parent attends class with child at 6:15-7:00pm (Church)

## **Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

- Confession for parents and students
- First Individual Reconciliation for your child will begin at 11:00 in the Church with our Pastors – *Reception follows in our Social Hall.*
- Blessed 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Book must be completed.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Communion Prep:**

- **All Classes will be held at St. Joseph's from 6:15pm to 7:00pm**
  - Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Baptism (*held in Church*)
  - Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Liturgy of the Word (*held in Church*)
  - Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Liturgy of the Eucharist (*held in Church*)
  - Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Living out our Faith (*held in Church*)
    - **Dinner is available on above dates 4:45-6:45pm – Join In!**
  - Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Prayer Centers: Children and Parents (*held in Lower Level*)
    - *No Dinner served this evening.*
- **One parent must attend each of these classes with your child.**
- **Please contact me ASAP if child care help is needed – we can provide that for you!**

## **Complete 'BLESSED - First Communion' book by April 25<sup>th</sup>**

- **Chapter 1 & 2** focuses on our Baptism, you will need to have **Chapters completed before class on March 20<sup>th</sup>**
- **Chapter 3** focuses on the Liturgy of the Word, you will need to have this **Chapter completed before class on March 27<sup>th</sup>**
- **Chapter 4 & 5** focuses on the Liturgy of the Eucharist, you will need to have **Chapters completed before class on April 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **Chapter 6** Completed before final class on **April 10<sup>th</sup>**

## Teaching Aides for Parents:

1. Read with your child: “Blessed – First Reconciliation” book; this will need to be completed before your child receives their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Read with your child: “Blessed - First Communion” book: Guidelines for completion are detailed on previous sheet. The entire book must be finished prior to **Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**; our Potluck Supper at 6pm—each family brings a dish to share! Rehearsal follows.
2. Prepare: Prior to lesson time, review Family Guide to develop ideas.
  - Use the Leader Guide” available to YOU! This little extra step is super helpful and worth it to take the extra time. You will not regret it. In the family guide you will have an opening prayer, step-by-step layout, tips, and great quotes. Totally worth the extra steps!
  - We have placed a link on our website: [www.stjosephscatholic.org](http://www.stjosephscatholic.org), use the Faith Formation Tab on the top of our homepage – click on ‘PreK thru Grade 5’ – and you will find quick links to these helpful resources—you may need to ‘page down’ to see them!
  - If you prefer using a ‘real book’, we have family guides available to check out. Please feel free to ask for one if the book works better for you.
3. In each book it will mention videos that go with each Lesson. You are able to access a Link to these videos at our website (just as above)
  - Each Lesson has multiple videos that are referenced; each video varies from 2-5 minutes. Use the ‘arrow/next’ ► on the right side of video window to access each video for a particular lesson.
4. Some other tips and ideas:
  - Set aside a special time to teach with the least amount of distractions.
  - Complete all activities to reinforce lesson.
  - Share your “Faith and Life Story” with them.
  - You’re their “Spiritual Coach” -- *Be Enthusiastic!*
  - Most of all Pray Together ~
5. Other Important Dates:
  - Practice and Potluck on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6pm
  - Pew Crosses must be completed by 4/25 – bring them this night
  - First Communion is held on **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> during 10:30am Mass** – arrive early – more information provided as we get closer.

Please call me any time if you questions. Many Blessings to you all – I am so excited to share this time with your family.

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