



January 2019

Dear First Communion Families,

You are receiving this letter as our data base indicates that you have a child ready for their First Communion – Welcome to the First Communion Program! What an exciting time for your family and St. Joseph's Church, as your child receives First Reconciliation and First Communion this coming Spring. All classes and Celebrations will be held at the church and are for the child and the parents to attend together (*except the Parent Meeting on 2/27!*). The schedule for the full program is listed on the back side of this letter. You will notice that there are 2 dates for our 'Bread Day' – both held on Saturdays. You may contact me to sign up for your preferred date *anytime* – each class has a limited number of spots, so plan early to get yours.

This is a Sacramental Enrichment program so children should also be enrolled in the Children's Church program. If you have NOT registered for our Children's Church Program you may do so online – 1.) www.stjosephscatholic.org 2.) Click on **Faith Formation Tab** at top of our homepage 3.) On drop down click on **Grade PreK-5 Faith Formation** 4.) The **Registration Link** is found at bottom of that webpage – you then submit the registration form online (hard copy packets are available at the parish office if you prefer).

If your child was *not* baptized at St. Joseph's in Grand Rapids, we will need an official copy of the baptismal certificate before the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be received. ☺ You can drop it off to the parish office anytime – or you may bring it to the Parent Meeting on February 27th.

Enclosed you will find a small prayer card to pray with your son/daughter. **The 'Act of Contrition' is an important part of their 1st Reconciliation** – to have this prayer memorized would be SUPER!

I look forward to seeing you on February 27th. Please call me at 326-1663 ext. 15(Office) or 259-5200 (Cell phone) or email me at mfoss@stjosephscatholic.org if you have any questions. Many Blessings to you all – I am so excited to share this time with your family!

God Bless You,

Mandy Foss



COMMUNION SCHEDULE

2019

“Parents” Only Meeting: Wednesday, February 27th — (held in Church)

- Parent **Only** Meeting at 6:15—7pm
- Child care available for your 2nd grader during the Parent Meeting
 - lasts only about 45 minutes.

Reconciliation Prep...

- Wednesday, March 6th • Ash Wednesday • Attend Mass with your family at 7:00pm.
- Wednesday, March 13th • Reconciliation Class • 6:15 – 7:00pm
 - Come for dinner between 4:45—6:45pm
 - One parent attends class with child at 6:15~7:00pm (Church)

First Reconciliation ~ Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 16, 2019—

- Reconciliation for students and parents will begin at 11:00am in the Church with our Pastors – *Reception follows in our Social Hall.*

Communion Classes with our Pastor—*all begin at 6:15—7pm*

- Wednesday March 20th ~ Baptism (held in Church)
- Wednesday March 27th ~ Liturgy of the Word (held in Church)
- Wednesday April 3rd ~ Liturgy of the Eucharist (held in Church)
- Wednesday April 10th ~ Living out our Faith (held in Church)
 - Come for dinner between 4:45—6:45pm on above nights!
- Wednesday April 17th ~ Prayer Centers: Children and Parents (held in Lower Level) ~ *No dinner served this evening.*

Bread Day *CHOOSE ONE SATURDAY SESSION*

- March 23rd OR April 6th Both held: 9:30am ~ 1:30pm

Celebration: “Share a Meal”

Thursday, April 25th at 6pm

- Potluck Supper—each family brings a dish to share!
- Rehearsal follows.

Group First Communion

Sunday, April 28th at our 10:30am Mass