



Dear Second Grade Parents,

“I encourage families in particular to draw inspiration and strength from this sacrament. The love between man and woman, and the raising of children are privileged spheres in which the Eucharist can reveal its power to transform life and give it its full meaning.” Let these words of our Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI sink in.

One of the many wonderful things about preparing for the Sacraments is that *it is a shared experience, where both children and parents have the opportunity to grow closer to God and also to one another.* It is our sincere hope that this year is as fruitful for your entire family as our Lord desires. He is waiting to fill all involved with abundant grace at every step of the journey until that glorious May morning.

To begin preparing for the reception of the Eucharist of your little one, there will be a **First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Parent meeting on Wednesday, October 2 from 7:30 – 9:00 PM in Church OR Tuesday, October 29 from 7 – 8:30 PM in Church. Please note that this meeting (choose ONE) is required for 2nd grade parents only.** You are free to go to whichever meeting works best with your schedule. At the meeting, we will be going over important details about each Sacrament. Each parent will also receive a folder with dates, practice times, instructions on how to complete on-line registration and payment for each Sacrament as well as teaching tools you can use at home with your children.

On-line registration for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will open on Thursday, October 3. Notice will be sent out through Flocknote/School Speak to ALL parents. For parents that don't attend the meeting on October 2, Reconciliation registration will be pending until a parent attends the October 29 meeting. On-line registration for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will open on Monday, December 2.

In conjunction with the construction of our new Eucharistic Adoration chapel this Fall, we will provide time for all of you to visit with our Lord. You may also have the opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

P.S. Even though at least one parent is required to attend the meeting, we highly encourage both parents to attend if possible. It is an investment that will be well worth your time!

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.” – John 6:53

May God bless you and each of your families,

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