

Parent Sacrament Handout

Reconciliation

- **On Dec. 9 (Sat.) at 11:00 am in Church. Arrive 15 minutes early.**
- **No reserved seating.**
- **Parents are strongly encouraged to set a good example and receive the sacrament at the same time.**
- **Everyone's penance is the same: to pray the prayer on the back of the Liturgical Guide as a family at the steps of the altar.**
- **You may leave whenever you wish after doing the penance.**
- **Please take your sheep (made earlier at school or PSR) home as a remembrance.**
- **Families can pick up their child's packet of cards and certificate in the main lobby as they leave.**

Jesus Day

- **Is Mar. 3, 2018 (Sat.) 9:00 am – 11:00 am in the Lunchroom. Arrive early to sign in.**
- **Turn off cell phones and put them away or leave them in your car.**
- **Stay with your child at all times, be attentive to your child and assist your child, and participate with your child in all activities.**
- **Jesus Day is a retreat for the child and the parent(s). It strives to reinforce and expand the child's understanding of the Eucharist. It involves several hands-on activities.**
- **Doughnuts, Coffee and Juice are courtesy of the Parish.**
- **Dress is casual as the students and parents will be baking and candle-making among other activities.**

Pictures/Rehearsal

- **Is April 19, 2018 (Thurs.) in the Church.**
- **6:00 pm – 6:25 pm - Individual Pictures by professional photographer and parishioner Tonya Battista.**
- **6:30 pm - Group Photo.**
- **Is Mandatory!**
- **Turn off cell phones and put them away or leave them in your car.**
- **Students should be dressed in their First Communion clothes for the picture:**

Girls:

**White Dress
Dress Shoes
(No gloves, please)**

Boys:

**Long-sleeved white dress shirt and dark tie
Navy or white trousers
Dress shoes**

- **You may purchase a group picture or individual pictures according to the packages described on the order envelope from Tonya Battista , which you will receive about a week before the day of rehearsal.**
- **No individual photos other than the ones by the professional photographer.**
- **Teachers stand at the tabernacle to move the students to and out of the individual picture location.**
- **After the group photo, parents will have one minute to take their own picture of the group. This is the only parent photograph permitted during pictures/rehearsal.**
- **Parents & Students must listen to all directions so that the rehearsal goes quickly & the Mass goes smoothly. We want all parents to be confident about the particulars of the Mass so that they and their children will know what to do. Preparedness will allow everyone to feel comfortable so that they may participate fully in the Mass without worry or anxiety.**

Eucharist

- **On April 21 (Sat.) at the 4:30 pm Mass.**
- **Drop children off at school at 4:15 pm. Parents can go to their seats in church. Children will process in.**
- **First Communicants, parents and siblings sit in the reserved pews at the front of the church.**

(Please use the Reservation Form to indicate the number of seats to be reserved for the First Communicant, parents, and siblings.)

- **Please remember which pew is for your family. We will let you know your pew at practice. (We will label your pew on one side with the banner your child made.)**
Instructions and banner material will be distributed after the new year.
- **Parents and Confirmed siblings are Readers and Distributors & siblings are servers**

(Please indicate on the Liturgical Minister Form if you or an immediate family member wishes to be a reader, distributor, or server)

- **Follow the ushers' directions at Communion time**
- **Communicant, siblings, parents take communion as a family at the same time with the First Communicant receiving first. Those not taking communion receive a blessing (cross hands over the chest for blessing).**
- **Knights of Columbus will process in with the children.**
- **Flowers (provided by the parish) during Offertory. They should remain on the altar as they are a gift.**
- **The teachers will have the blessing of religious articles for their class at a later time. Look for information about this from your child's teacher.**