

12 August 2018

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to help your children prepare for their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this school year! If you have not yet done so, complete the attached information form by August 26 so that we can obtain a copy of your child's baptism certificate and properly record his/her First Communion in the spring. Also, please be sure to save and plan to attend on these important dates.

- Saturday, November 3, 2018 – Child & Parents Morning of Reflection on Reconciliation – 9:30-11am St. Paul Campus Gym (school and religious education families attend together with Fr. Tom)
- Sunday, December 9, 2018 – First Reconciliation individually with Fr. Tom – 6:30pm SJH Chapel (this is during religious education and takes the place of class that evening) Parents are asked to attend with their children!
- Saturday, February 9, 2019 – Child & Parents Morning of Reflection on Eucharist – 9:30-11am SP Gym (school and religious education families attend together)

In the spring, during their preparation for First Eucharist, children will make two memorial crafts – a banner (which is sent home to do as a family) and a chalice (parents will be asked to come during religious education). The banners will mark your family's pew at your child's First Communion mass. The chalices are created with the help of Earth and Fire, at a discounted rate of \$20 per student.

- Here at St. John Paul II, we offer two options for school and religious education children to celebrate their First Communion Mass. We ask that you decide the mass time your child will celebrate by our gathering on February 9 for planning purposes.

Option 1: Saturday, April 27, 2019 – 11am SP Chapel (Special Mass for First Communicants – school & religious education students)

Option 2: At any parish mass April 27-28 (5pm, 7:45am, 9:30am, or 11:15am) – Your family will have a reserved pew and Fr. Tom will acknowledge your child's First Communion as well as allowing him/her to receive before the rest of the congregation. The homily will not be geared towards First Communion.

If you have any questions, contact me at 502-751-3562 or [kseipel@stjohnpaulparish.org](mailto:kseipel@stjohnpaulparish.org).

Blessings,

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