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Holy Trinity - St. Anthony - St. Mary



Holy Cross Family of Parishes Religious Education

Parishes of Holy Trinity, Mary, Help of Christians, St. Anthony, St. Joseph,
St. Mary, St. Peter & St. Paul

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2nd Grade Students & Parents,

Thank you so much for your support of the religious education program and for assisting your child in attending and increasing their knowledge of the faith.

Your children are preparing for First Communion in their religion classes. They as well as yourself will be expected to participate in specific events throughout the year as well. These events are outlined in this packet.

It's important as Catholics that we demonstrate the areas that matter most in life and while we are busy in this ever-changing and fast-paced world, sometimes it's also important to demonstrate how to slow down and enjoy the peace and love of Jesus Christ. Ways to do this include, but are not limited to, attending Church together on Sundays, attending Confession together, making special times for prayer, or even completing acts of charity together. Also, talk to your children regarding your own faith journey and pray with them and for them, strengthening them in the process. Thank you for all that you do as their role models and primary facilitators of the faith.

Feel free to ask your teacher or contact me with any questions you may still have.

Thank you,
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All of the requirements for First Communion are listed below.

Dragon Slayer Retreat Information - January 17th, there will be a **mandatory retreat** for students and parents.

First Reconciliation - This will take place in the spring. If this is made outside of the scheduled times this will need to be communicated with the CRE.

First Communion Practice - This will be held the Wednesday prior to the First Communion Mass.

First Communion Mass - The Sacrament of First Communion will be held separately at each parish.

Please note that students can receive the Sacraments at any of our 7 parishes as long as it is communicated with the CRE.

First Reconciliation <i>10am - 12pm</i>	First Communion Practice	First Communion Mass
HT - TBD	HT - TBD	HT - TBD
SA - TBD	SA - TBD	SA - TBD
SM - TBD	SM - TBD	SM - TBD
MHC - TBD	MHC - TBD	MHC - TBD
SPL - TBD	SPL - TBD	SPL - TBD
SPT/SJ - TBD	SPT/SJ - TBD	SPT/SJ - TBD

If your son/daughter has not been baptized into the Catholic church please reach out to the Religious Education office before attending any of these events.

Dragon Slayer Retreat

On Saturday, **January 17th**, all second grade students and a parent will be attending the First Communion Retreat. This retreat will be held at the **Coldwater High School** from **9:00am-12:00pm**. Registration will begin at 8:30am and donuts and coffee will be provided.

The retreat will be led by Dr. John Wood and his wife Kristin who give this presentation all over the country! In the second hour of the retreat, while the kids are having their own session, John Wood will be offering a presentation specifically for the parents. John has spoken at hundreds of parishes and schools across the country, and his book, "Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission," has sold over 240,000 copies. New York Times Bestselling author Matthew Kelly has said, "I believe John is one of the great emerging Catholic voices of our time. John Wood has a passion that is contagious...read this book and make an effort to hear him speak!"

This is not an informational meeting, this is an inspiring talk that we promise will be worth your time and help you prepare with your son or daughter for these important sacraments.

While at least one parent is required to attend the retreat with the child, we hope BOTH parents can attend. For more information about the retreat, please scan the QR code to watch the retreat video. We look forward to seeing you on January 17th!



God Bless,

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