



September 23, 2018

Dear Second Grade Parents and Guardians,

This is a big year for your child in celebrating our faith! The sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are exciting and important. We want to ensure your children are fully prepared to receive these sacraments.

- The preparation for the sacraments is a two-year program. If your child did not complete our Grade 1 program, or another Religious Education program (including Catholic school), he/she will receive an additional packet of information. This information (e.g. learning The Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary prayers, etc.) must be reviewed and learned by **November 6, 2018**. During classes on Sunday and Tuesday of that week, your child will be asked to demonstrate knowledge of the information learned in Grade 1 of our program.
- If your child was not baptized at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena, we will need a copy of his/her baptism certificate. Please try to send this to us by **December 18, 2018**.
- Please be mindful of your child's attendance to Religious Education classes. If your child misses a class, please check the Grade 2 website for information covered in the class, or email me at [kfleming@stmarystcatherine.org](mailto:kfleming@stmarystcatherine.org) to get any materials needed. We want to ensure that all children are learning the material to be prepared for the sacraments.
- Attached to this letter is a list of Frequently Asked Questions related to the sacraments.
  - **First Reconciliation** is scheduled for **TBD**
  - **First Holy Communion** will be **May 19, 2019 at the 10:30 am mass**.

Thank you for all your support. This will be a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

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Faith Formation

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Grade 2 Teacher