

Blessed Trinity Cluster Faith Formation Office
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Dear Parents/Guardians of 2nd Grade Students:

It is with great excitement and anticipation that we begin to prepare for the First Reconciliation and First Communion celebrations of our parish families. We look forward to these events, when our children will know even more fully the abundance of God's mercy and love.

This letter is to inform you of upcoming dates for this important sacramental year! Please be sure and put them on your calendars NOW as parental involvement is necessary and required for sacramental preparation. On **Wednesday, October 4th @ 6:30 pm** all 2nd grade students/parents will gather at St. Mary Parish Center for a mini 'retreat'. You and your child will have an opportunity to work together informally in an enjoyable and educational way through interaction and creative hands-on activities specifically geared for First Reconciliation.

Cluster First Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Wednesday, November 29th @ 6:30 pm** at St. Mary Parish, Manchester. If for any reason there is a conflict with this date, prior arrangements will need to be made.

The Cluster First Holy Communion Parent gathering will be on **Wednesday, January 10th @ 6:30 pm @ St. Mary Parish Center.** Please note that this is for parents only.

Cost for sacramental preparation materials for both First Reconciliation and First Communion is \$25.00. This fee is in addition to regular tuition and covers the cost of materials. If you have not yet paid this fee, please bring to the retreat on **October 4th.**

Please download and print the *Baptism Form* available on this page. The form should be completed and returned the night of the meeting. If your child was **not** baptized at any of our cluster parishes (St. Mary, Immaculate Conception or St. Patrick), please provide a copy of their baptismal certificate from their church of Baptism. Kindly take care of this as soon as possible.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated **Sunday, April 18th** at 8:00 am @ St. Patrick, Ryan and 10:00 am at St. Mary, Manchester. Immaculate Conception will celebrate First Holy Communion on Saturday, **April 15th** at 5:30 pm.

This is an important year in your child's faith formation. We value the commitment parents/guardians make as they prepare their child to receive these wonderful sacraments! Be sure and click the appropriate box during online registration (under Sacramental Preparation choices) that indicates which sacrament your child will be receiving in 2017-18.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Faith Formation office at the number listed above.

Blessings,

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