



Jesus said, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:14

Dear First Communion Families:

Celebrating a sacrament for the first time marks a special event in your child's life and the life of your family. This year your child will prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time. To help children prepare to celebrate these sacraments, we offer a number of opportunities for parents and children to deepen their understanding of God's presence and love. A key part of our formation process is a series of gatherings designed to help parents and children grow in their understanding and appreciation of Reconciliation and Eucharist and to assist parents as they pass along their faith, beliefs, and values to their children.

Our first meeting will take place on:

Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. in the Parish Center.

This first meeting is for *parents and First Communion Students*.

We will spend time reflecting on the meaning of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist in our own lives and in the lives of our children. We will review the parent preparation program materials and the schedule of parent/child sessions that you are expected to attend. We will also talk about ways families can make this time of preparation a special one—a time to grow in love and faith.

After the meeting we will be going to 4:30 Mass for the **Rite of Enrollment** during which Families will make a formal commitment to enter into preparation for First Communion.

This is a very important event for parents and children who are making their First Communion this year. If are **not** able to attend, please contact me at 630-837-6500 ext. 26 or mrybicki@mystjohns.org. **If I do not hear from you, your child's name will be removed from our 2019 First Communion list.**

God Bless,

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