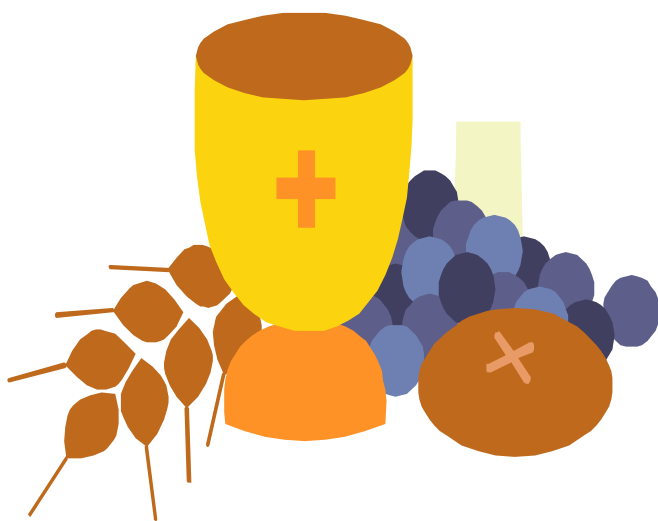


OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CHURCH

Second Grade Sacramental Booklet

2017 – 2018



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This is a very important year for your child.
S/he will be making 2 sacraments; the
Sacrament of Reconciliation
and the
Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

In our classroom studies the children are taught that we are God's People. At the time of our Baptism we entered a loving community. There are many wonderful benefits to living in this community just as there are certain responsibilities.

We are privileged to be a part of this community because as Jesus loves us we love one another. To symbolize this each child will create a little quilt which shows how their family loves Jesus. During the ceremony for the Sacrament of Reconciliation the children will combine all these little quilts into two giant quilts to signify the unity of our Community of God and our love for Jesus and each other.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation



Your child will experience the forgiveness of our loving God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday April 14, 2018.

We prepare your child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation by teaching him/her the difference between *GOOD* choices and *BAD* choices. When we choose to do something wrong or something that hurts someone else or ourselves we commit a sin. God does not stop loving us when we sin but we weaken our friendship with God and we need to ask for forgiveness. We ask forgiveness during the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

During the Sacrament of Reconciliation the children will learn about the parables of the Lost Sheep and the Forgiving Father. These parables are important as they teach that God

never stops loving us, never stops looking for us and will always forgive us even if we make BAD choices.

This is a family event and at least one parent must participate. Parents may also receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at this time.

After this ceremony there will be fellowship in our Parish Hall.



Sacrament of First Holy Communion

The culmination of all the children's studies will be the reception of our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time on May 12, 2018.

It is very important that your child understands that by the power of Holy Spirit the bread becomes the real Body of Christ and the wine becomes the real Blood of Christ.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, God changes the bread and wine so they become Jesus Himself. It still looks and tastes like bread and wine but it is really Jesus and not bread and wine. Jesus comes in the form of bread to remind us of His body and in the form of wine to remind us of His blood.

This mystery of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is the foundation of our faith.

Just as we must eat good food often to keep our body strong, we must receive the Eucharist often so that our soul and spirit remain strong.

Jesus wants to be close to us. He wants to be a part of each of us and for each of us to be a part of Him. The Eucharist helps us be more like Jesus.

To receive our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist the child should:

- Be free from sin; i.e. receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation if necessary or say an Act of Contrition
- Not eat anything for about one hour

To help prepare your child for First Holy Communion you should:

- Explain the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist
- Practice receiving the host
- Talk with your child about your own First Communion experience
- Celebrate meals together and celebrate the Mass together
- Worship together - at Mass, at the Chapel on First Fridays, or other special occasions
- Plan together for their First Holy Communion - plan their wardrobe, invite family and friends to celebrate
- Find a meaningful gift to mark this very special occasion

To receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist the child should:

- Approach altar with hands in prayer form
- Bow to Jesus

- Create a throne for Jesus: place their eating hand under their other hand
- Receive the consecrated host
- Take the consecrated host with their eating hand and place it into their mouth immediately.



May 12, 2018 10:00 Ceremony

Students who attend religion class on Sunday and Tuesday will make their Communion at 10:00 am. Please have your child at the gym by 9:30 am. **Mandatory** rehearsals will be May 8th & May 10th from 5- 6:30 pm in the Church.

May 12, 2018 1:00 Ceremony

Students who attend religion class on Wednesday will make their Communion at 1:00 pm. Please have your child at the gym by 12:30 pm. **Mandatory** rehearsals will be held on May 7th and May 9th from 5 - 6:30 pm in the Church.

Sunday after Communion Day

In an effort to involve the whole parish in your child's First Holy Communion, each child will be assigned to attend one of the OLSH Sunday Masses the day after Communion Day. They will be encouraged and honored by the entire congregation at the Mass.

Tickets

Each family will be given 8 tickets at the end of the second rehearsal. A ticket does not guarantee anyone a seat, but allows one to enter the Church early. All others without tickets, will be permitted into the Church 10 minutes prior to the Ceremony.

Dress Code

Girls: White dresses, white socks or tights, white shoes and white veil/headpiece.

Boys: Dark color suit, white shirt, white tie, and dress shoes.

Parents may purchase bouquets of flowers, rosary beads, gloves, or other items for their children however we ask that you give them to your child after the Ceremony.

Examination of Conscience

Before receiving the sacrament of reconciliation it is necessary to think about the bad choices we have made. This can be done by examining your conscience. Consider the following:

- Have I put God first, or have I sometimes made other things in my life more important than God? (like being popular, playing games, or getting my own way, etc.)
- Do I remember to talk to God?
- Do I use God's name with care and respect? Do I use God's name in the wrong way?
- Do I go to Mass every Sunday? Do I participate in the Mass or am I talking, texting, or daydreaming?
- Have I obeyed my parents - even when they are not looking? Do I talk back to them? Am I respectful of other authority figures in my life such as my teachers, coaches, babysitters?
- Have I been kind to others? Have I solved disagreements in a peaceful way? Have I fought with anyone? Do I care for my neighbors and God's creation?
- Do I treat my body with respect? Do I treat other people's bodies with respect?
- Do I respect other people's things? Have I taken something that does not belong to me?
- Do I tell the truth? Have I told a lie or something that was only partly true?
- Do I tell or listen to inappropriate jokes or watch inappropriate shows? Have I tried to keep my mind on good things?
- Am I happy with the things that I have? Am I jealous of other people and what other people have?

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior, Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy. Amen.



IMPORTANT DATES 2018

March 4th OR March 7th at 7:00 pm

1st Communion Mandatory Parents' Meeting
Little Chapel

Week of March 25th during class time

Family Quilts due to your child's teacher

April 14th

Sacrament of Reconciliation

10:00 am Ceremony (Sunday & Tuesday classes)

1:00 pm Ceremony (Wednesday classes)

Week of May 6th

First Holy Communion Rehearsals

For 10:00 Ceremony-Sunday & Tuesday classes

Tues 5/8 and Thurs 5/10 from 5 - 6:30 pm

For 1:00 Ceremony - Wednesday classes

Monday 5/7 and Wed 5/9 from 5 - 6:30 pm

Saturday May 12th

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

10:00 am Ceremony & 1:00 pm Ceremony

