

August 2018

Dear Parents:

Second grade is the year that children are typically prepared to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time.

Our preparation process requires you as the parents to engage with your child as they complete a workbook about the sacrament. In addition to the at home workbook that we ask you to complete, your child must be enrolled in a Catholic school or attending the parish school of religion (PSR) program. The work we ask you to do at home is to enhance and supplement what your child is learning in their religion classes at school or in the PSR program. Each sacrament will also include a day of reflection or retreat in the weeks leading up to the sacrament.

We are changing the workbooks that we are using for Sacramental Prep this year. We will be using the Blessed program from Dynamic Catholic. The full color workbooks are beautiful and there are online videos that reiterate everything presented in the workbooks. I hope your child and you are able to take the time this year to discuss the importance of these sacraments and how important they are to us as Catholics.

Enclosed with this letter is a registration form for the sacramental preparation process here at St. Thomas More. Please fill out the form, attach a copy of your child's baptismal certificate and return the form, certificate and \$30 registration fee to the STM parish office by August 31, 2018. The registration fee covers the cost of the workbooks used during the year, the banner and chalice that are completed at the Eucharist retreat.

Also included with this letter is a schedule of important dates for the Sacramental Prep process, please mark these dates on your calendar to avoid conflicts in the coming year. Reminders of all dates will also be given out at parent meetings and through regular email updates.

If you know someone who has second grade student and they do not receive this information, please have them contact me (sarah@stmchurch.org) at the STM Parish Office.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sarah J. Neau
Director of Religious Education



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St. Thomas More Catholic Church
SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST REGISTRATION
Please include **\$25.00 Registration Fee** to cover some of the expenditures.
(Complete and return to the STM PARISH OFFICE by August 31, 2018)

PLEASE PRINT: Child's Information

Last Name First Name Middle Name
(As you will like it to appear on your certificate)
Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Nickname (preferred name) _____
(This name will be used on nametags and pew markers)

Primary Contact Email Address (print legibly please): _____

Home Address City State Zip

School attending 2018-19 School attended K School attended 1st grade
STM 2A _____ STM 2B _____ STM 2C _____ STM PSR _____ Other _____

Date of Baptism Church of Baptism City, State & Zip
(Please attached a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate)

If not a registered parishioner of STM, which parish is your family registered with: _____
NOTE: (You may not be receive sacraments at STM without written permission from the pastor of your parish)

Please indicate your preference for date to celebrate the Sacrament of Eucharist:
_____ Saturday, May 11, 2019 4:30PM Mass _____ Sunday, May 12, 2019 10:00AM Mass

PLEASE PRINT: Parent/Guardian Information

FATHER:	MOTHER:
Address:	Address:
Email:	Email:
Phone:	Phone:

ATTACH A COPY OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE (NOT birth certificate)



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2018-19 Reconciliation and Eucharist Preparation Schedule

- Registration Deadline** **Friday, August 31, 2018**
- Reconciliation Parent Meeting** **Wednesday, September 5, 2018**
- Meeting will be held in the STM Parish Activity Center
 - Attendance at one of the following times is mandatory 12:00N or 7:00PM
- Reconciliation Afternoon Reflection** **Sunday, November 11, 2018**
STM Church
2:00-3:30PM
- Reconciliation Celebration** **Wednesday, November 28, 2018 @ 6:30PM**
STM Church
- Eucharist Parent Meeting** **Wednesday, January 23, 2019**
- Meeting will be held in the STM Parish Activity Center
 - Attendance at one of the following times is mandatory 12:00N or 7:00PM
- Eucharist Retreat Parent Volunteer Meeting** **Wednesday, March 27, 2019**
6:30PM in STM Parish Activity Center
- Eucharist Retreat** **Saturday, April 6, 2019**
STM Parish Activity Center
9:30AM- 1:00PM
- Eucharist Rehearsal Times** **Saturday, May 11, 2019**
STM Church
10:00AM for 4:30PM Mass attendees
10:45AM for 10:00AM Mass attendees
- Celebration of Eucharist (as chosen on registration form) at STM Church**
- Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 4:30 PM Vigil Mass
 - Sunday, May 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM Mass

Photography for Eucharist

Spencer Studios will be setup in the school cafeteria the weekend of Eucharist celebration. Spencer Studios gives you the opportunity to have a formal individual portrait of your child and/ or a family portrait taken to commemorate this sacramental moment. Spencer Studios will also take a group picture for each Mass as well as a picture of each child as he or she receives Eucharist from the priest. We ask that families not take photographs or video recordings during either of the Eucharist celebrations.