



JANUARY

GREETINGS FIRST EUCHARIST PARENTS!

January we begin the formal preparation for reception of the Sacrament of Eucharist for your child. Please know that while preparation is primarily done at home with your child, the teachers in our parish school, and the catechists in our parish religious education programs are also working with you every step of the way.

Both the parish school teachers and religious education catechists have guides for the preparation text so they are able to weave into your child religion class all of the elements you are working on at home. Teachers and catechists will be asking the children to bring their preparation book to class on occasion and will be communicating with you along this path to First Eucharist.



ENROLLMENT MASS JAN. 22 @ 9:30AM

All First Eucharist candidates and their parents are asked to attend the ENROLLMENT MASS on January 22nd - The enrollment mass is celebrated in order for the parish community to recognize these children in a special way and to begin praying for children as they begin their preparations to join in at the Table of the Lord!

PLEASE NOTE: The children will receive their preparation book after the enrollment mass.

Parish school children will be asked to receive their preparation book from their teacher after mass in the front of church, while the parish religious education children will receive their preparation book from their catechist who will be in McDonough Hall for the CELEBRATE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION event.

****A preparation calendar will be provided with each preparation text for parents to use at home as a guide.**

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PREPARATION PROCESS

We will follow the same pattern for the preparation of First Eucharist as we did for the preparation for First Reconciliation; that is parent workshop; parent & child retreat; celebration of sacrament.

PLEASE visit the SACRAMENT page of the parish website to download your EUCHARIST PREPARATION RESERVATION FORM

<http://www.stgilesparish.org/Sacraments/First%20Communion%20Forms.pdf>

COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BY JANUARY 23RD so we may be prepared for the coming preparation events. Questions or concerns regarding the preparation process, feel free to contact the parish Religious Education office at 708-383-4185 ext103 or send an email message to : reled@stgilesparish.org

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EUCHARIST PARENT WORKSHOP

THURSDAY- JANUARY 26, 2012

MCDONOUGH HALL @ 7:00 – 8:30PM

RECEIVING YOUR RSVP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED



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Important Note

IF YOUR CHILD HAS NOT CELEBRATED THEIR FIRST RECONCILIATION
PLEASE CONTACT FR. CARL TO ARRANGE A TIME TO CELEBRATE THIS WONDERFUL SACRAMENT PRIOR
TO THE FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT IN MARCH.

FR CARL MAY BE REACH AT 708-383-3430 EXT. 422



BLESSING on the NEW YEAR