

August 28th, 2020

Dear 2nd Grade Parents,

Welcome to St. Catherine Laboure 2nd grade faith formation program!! I wanted to give you an overview of the expectations for this year. Also, **attached is a contract you need to sign so that we are ensured you are fully aware of your responsibilities that are required from you and your child in order for your child to receive the Sacrament of Penance and First Holy Communion this year.**

We use a program called *Blessed* from Dynamic Catholic. It is a little different from the programs of the past as there are videos each week that go along with the Lessons. It may seem a little “cheesy” at first glance - but it works! The kids are engaged and the content is very good. Mrs. Brown who has taught the class for the past 2 years has had great success using it with the kids. We will give you a detailed Lesson plan each week and you will be taking the place of Mrs. Brown - **it will not work if you do not do this Lesson with your child.** You will also be working with your child on certain prayers he/she needs to know this year if he/she does not already know them. (i.e. The Our Father, Glory Be, Hail Mary and an Act of Contrition)

The program is very good but please remember that the best way for you to help your child prepare this year to receive the Sacraments is for you to lead by example. As you talk with your child this year about God’s endless mercy and love we receive each time we go to the Sacrament of Penance but your child never sees you take advantage of this mercy by going regularly to the Sacrament - it will not really seem so important to them. And as you talk with them this year about what a gift it is to receive Jesus through the Sacrament of the Eucharist, yet you fail to make Sunday Mass a priority - it will not really seem so important to them. **This is not only a wonderful year for you child to grow closer to Jesus but a great opportunity for you to grow closer to Jesus too!**

If you have any questions now or as we go through this year together feel free to let me know!

I pray this will be a yeared filled with much grace and love in your families.

Be Blessed!

*Leslie Reagle
Faith Formation Director*

**St. Catherine Laboure
Faith Formation Program
Parent Commitment**

AS PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF _____

WHO IS PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE AND HOLY EUCHARIST. I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT MY/OUR PARTICIPATION IN HIS/HER RELIGIOUS TRAINING IS EXPECTED AND NEEDED. AS A FAITHFUL CATHOLIC AND A RESPONSIBLE PARENT/GUARDIAN...

I WILL ATTEND MASS EACH WEEKEND WITH MY CHILD AND ALL HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION.
(Due to Sunday Mass Dispensation by Bishop Boyea until Sunday November 28th, this requirement is still recommended but not in effect until the dispensation is lifted. A reminder that you can watch our live-streaming Masses; and this should be done if you do not attend Mass while the dispensation is in place)

I WILL, BY MY OWN EXAMPLE, ENCOURAGE MY CHILD TO PRAY AND TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS REGULARLY, ESPECIALLY THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE.

I WILL SEE TO IT THAT THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION, A BAPTISMAL RECORD, IS OBTAINED AND TURNED IN WHEN DUE. **see below (indicate the Church below by your signature)

I WILL DO ALL THE WEEKLY LESSONS WITH MY CHILD AND RETURN EACH MONTH THE REQUIRED COMPLETED WORK BACK TO ST. CATHERINE LABOURE PARISH.

I WILL ENCOURAGE AND PRAY FOR AND WITH MY CHILD AS HE/SHE PREPARES FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF HOLY EUCHARIST AND PENANCE.

I UNDERSTAND MY CHILD COULD BE DELAYED FROM RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND/OR HOLY EUCHARIST IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT MY CHILD IS NOT READY TO RECEIVE THEM AT THE SCHEDULED TIMES.

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

Church your child was Baptised

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

*Baptismal Record: Call parish child was Baptized at and ask for her Baptismal record be sent to:
St. Catherine Laboure,
Attention: Leslie Reagle
211 Harmon Ave
Concord MI 49237

