



Holy Cross Parish
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First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Information

December 7, 2020

Dear Parents,

As you know, this is an exciting time for your children, as they're getting ready to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, in January, and Holy Communion in the Spring. As parents, you are their first and most important teachers and should be actively involved in preparing your children for the Sacraments.

With that in mind, your parish provides you and your child opportunities for active learning about the Sacraments, which we call "learning centers." The centers were designed to give you a chance to spend one-on-one time with your child reviewing various aspects of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and reflecting on the theme of reconciliation – loving and unloving choices. Later in the Spring, we'll have a second set of centers dedicated to learning about the Eucharist.

First Reconciliation Learning Centers will be done virtually this year for families registered at Holy Cross Parish, children attending Holy Cross School, or children involved in our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). You will receive an e-mail on December 14th with a link to the virtual learning centers.

Please work through these centers with your children. A packet of additional materials was sent home with your child if they attend PREP through Holy Cross Parish. The packet will be sent home with your Holy Cross second grader later in December or mailed if things change due to COVID. Included in this packet is a form that will need to be returned when the learning centers are complete. The learning centers need to be completed and form returned no later than **January 18, 2021.**

Your child's First Reconciliation Service will be held at St. Michael Church at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

Please also complete and return the attached form with the information we will need to record the sacramental information in our parish records by **January 8, 2021** in the enclosed envelope. If your child was baptized at Holy Cross (either at St. Michael or Blessed Sacrament), we have the details of his or her baptism in the official records. If your child was baptized in another parish, please contact that parish and have them forward a copy of the baptismal record to the Parish Office as soon as possible. E-mail is fine; the mailing address is 3012 Jackson Street, Sioux City, IA 51104.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at 277-2949 (Molly at x100), or e-mail molly@holycrossSC.org.

Blessings to you during this Advent Season!
Holy Cross Parish Office Staff