

# LNMV Parish Sacramental Preparation Program

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Dear Parents,

This year is a very special year in the sacramental life of your child. For most of us, our First Reconciliation and First Communion was one of the most memorable moments in our lives. The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our Catholic Christian life and we look forward to working together with you to ensure a solid preparation for all our children as we help them to understand the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist.

We have scheduled a mandatory parent meeting for **Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Holy Cross School** in the gym. This meeting will explain and answer any questions about the Sacramental Preparation Program and provide you with all the dates and a packet of material for you and your child.

Every parish is to have a Sacramental Preparation Program that is in addition to the religion classes your child is receiving at either Holy Cross Catholic School or at the Wednesday night religious education classes. Preparation for any Sacrament provides fertile ground for the grace received to bear much fruit. At the parent meeting we will be providing some learning materials for both parents and students along with outlining the sacramental program. The "God in the Family" portion is part of the Sacramental preparation program. It is a wonderful gift we are able to provide to the parents of our children preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Communion. The purpose of the program is to help you with your ongoing formation as the primary educators of your children in the ways of the faith as well as to help build community. Our Pastors feel this program is an essential part of the preparation and ask that all parents participate. When you learn and grow in faith, you can better witness to your own children and reinforce what they are learning about in their religion classes. *"For where two or three have gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst"* (Matthew 18:20). He will be there with you! This also provides an opportunity for parents to get to know the parents of the other students in your child's class and parishes. More information on this program will be provided at the Sacramental meeting.

The book and material fee is due with registration. ***Early Bird pricing (by August 8<sup>th</sup>) is \$35.00.*** Beginning August 9<sup>th</sup>, the materials fee will be \$40.00 and registration must be received before August 15<sup>th</sup>. All registration and payments are on line again this year. The online registration link can be found on the RE website at [www.lnmvre.net](http://www.lnmvre.net) or by clicking this link: <https://mytads.com/a/lnmvreligiouseducation> The book and material fee helps cover only some of the cost of the preparation program; the balance is covered by your parish through their budget for religious education. If your child was not baptized at one of the three parishes in our program please call the parish of baptism and have them send a copy by mail to my attention at the school's address or a scan of the original document to my email. To prevent any delay in receiving the Sacrament please have the original certificate to us before January 1, 2020. We order all materials to be in time for the parent meeting so please register early so we get the material in time, which means NO LATER than August 15<sup>th</sup>.

We ask that you bring your family calendars to this meeting as there will be several dates you will want to mark down along with the opportunity to pick days of the week the parent meetings work for your family schedule.

We look forward to meeting you and working together to prepare your children for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

In Christ,

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