



## **HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**

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Dear Parents,

Greetings from the Holy Spirit Parish.

Congratulations! Your child is beginning the journey in which he/she joins your family and God's family at the Lord's Table for the first time.

When children are baptized in the Catholic Church, parents take on the responsibility of raising them in the practice of the faith by keeping God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. This is an important year of preparation for your family as your child prepares to receive both the **Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession)** and the **Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion)**. The best preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion that you can give your child is **REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT MASS**.

Registration will take place on **Saturday, October 19th and October 26th after the 5:00 pm Mass** in the Parish hall. Please include a copy of your child's baptismal certificate as this is **absolutely necessary** for registration as well as **\$50.00 registration** fee. Registrations will not be accepted after **December 31, 2024**.

If your child is in Grade 3 and did not receive the Sacrament when in Grade 2, you may complete a registration form for this year.

If your child attends private or public school, they are expected to attend Catechism classes. Classes will take place **in January 2025**. Specific dates of when the classes will begin will be provided at a later date.

Children attending catholic schools will receive instruction through the school's religious program in preparing them for the Sacraments and are not required to take Catechism classes however, they are more than welcome to attend if you wish.

The **Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Confession)** will take place on Thursday, **February 27th, 2025 at 7:30 pm**. The **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** will take place on **May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

As your Pastor, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of these occasions both for the children and for our parish family as they take another step toward their full initiation as members of the Church.

Let us assist our young people with our prayers as they prepare to receive our Lord in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Wishing your family the richness of God's many blessings during this time of preparation, I am,

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Pawel Zborowski  
Pastor