



**Blessed Sacrament
Religious Education
2116 Hollister Avenue
Madison, WI 53726**

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Dear Parent of a second grader,

This is a BIG YEAR for your second grader! This year your child will make his/her First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. This sacramental year is important to your child's faith journey in the Catholic Church. As you are the primary faith educators of your child, I look forward to teaming up with you in providing your child with a strong faith foundation.

Mark your calendars for the important dates:

1. Registration – Be sure to register your child in Blessed Sacrament's Religious Education Program (registration material enclosed).
2. Fees – An additional Sacramental Fee (\$45.00) is required which covers the additional materials, reception, and retreat costs.
3. Parent Meeting – Attend the Sacramental Parent Meeting in October. This meeting will provide you with the background and materials needed to begin your faith journey with your child at home.
4. Baptismal Certificate – a copy of your child's baptismal certificate is **required before** receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. **Please include a copy of the certificate with your registration materials.**
5. Important Dates to mark on your calendars.
 - a. Sacramental Parent Meeting – October 16 @ 10:30 – 11:30 am **OR** October 19 @ 6:30 – 7:30 pm
 - b. First Reconciliation – December 10 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
 - c. First Eucharist Liturgy sign-up and pick up materials day – January 8 after the 9:00 am Liturgy.
 - d. First Eucharist Retreat Day – March 10 @ 8:30 am – 12:00 noon
 - e. First Eucharist – April 21 @ 9:30 am and 11:30 am
 - f. First Eucharist Presentation Liturgy and Reception – April 22 @ 9:00 am

As a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, **all** second graders, enrolled in both the school and RE programs, will have many opportunities to interact with each other during their faith journey. Your child will begin to connect with the second graders attending Blessed Sacrament School, by exchanging letters, participating in service and spiritual activities together, and attending a Sacramental Retreat together.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me @ mjvitale@bbsacrament.org or @ (608) 842-7755.

May God bless you and your family,

Mary Jo Vitale
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