



St. Ambrose Catholic Church

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PASTOR: Fr. Donatello Iocco

To: Parents of Children who are currently in Grade 2
From: Father Donatello, Pastor
Rose Rossetti, Catechist

Re: Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. I just wanted to take this time to offer you some information regarding First Holy Communion 2023. Part of the preparation is attending mass at St. Ambrose. Children will be given a Christian Passport booklet and will be stamped after mass.

Since the onset of Covid and the restrictions we were unable to have proper Catechism classes and have started a new First Holy Communion program online called "**Catholic Online School**" **Please Google:** Catholic Online School, and follow the steps. The course is called "**1st Confession & Reconciliation with Certificate of Completion**". To sign up, click on "**1st Confession & Reconciliation with Certificate of Completion**". There are 11 lessons, each video lesson is approximately 4 minutes followed by a quiz. We recommend and encourage parents to help and follow along with your child(ren) when they are doing the lesson and quiz.

Please read the summary below:

This course features 11 mobile-friendly video lessons. In order to earn the Certificate of Completion, **a student must play 100% of the video from beginning to end. If the video is skipped, or viewed at less than 100%, then credit for that portion of the course will not be registered.** A student is required to complete 100% of all lessons, including passing all quizzes to earn a certificate of completion. **The student must click the continue button through every section of every course and watch 100% of the videos.**

The deadline for the Certificate of Completion must be given to Fr. Donatello or drop off at the parish on **SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023**. If a student finishes the lessons earlier you can drop off the Certificate of Completion at the parish office. This certificate is proof of your child's completion of the course. The certificate is required in order for the student to receive their Sacrament. Along with the online study Fr. Donatello will visit the students at school. Also, there will be a **5** classes before 1st Communion and 1st Confession (Reconciliation) to recap and go through the Sacrament of Confession process.

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MANDATORY Information Meeting and Registration Form drop off date is:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH @ 11:00am in the Church

To register, please go to our website and complete the Form and print it off, attaching a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Please note that we will not accept hand written forms.

This is the only day that we will accept Registration Forms and you will need to attend the information meeting. If you cannot make this date you must have someone attend on your behalf to drop off form and attend meeting so they will be able to communicate to you what was said at the meeting. There are NO EXCEPTIONS.

Regarding the 5 classes and 1st confession – these classes and 1st confession plus rehearsal are mandatory and again no exceptions. If you cannot commit to these dates, please note that you can opt out and have your child receive in 2024 when you can commit to the dates.

We ask that you please sign below if you are agreeing that you are committed to the dates with no exceptions.

Dates that you will commit to:

Certificate of Completion Form	March 25, 2023	Drop off at office during office hours
Catechism Class 11:00am – 12:00 noon	April 22, 2023	Church Hall
	April 29, 2023	Church Hall
	May 6, 2023	Church Hall
Catechism Class 11:00am – 12:00 noon	May 13, 2023	Church Hall
	May 20, 2023	Church Hall
Sacrament of Penance 11:00am May 27, 2023		In Church
Rehearsal	2:30pm June 3, 2023	In Church
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION JUNE 10, 2023 @ 10:30AM		

By signing below, you are committing to all dates with no exceptions.

Child's Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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