October 12, 2020

Dear Second Grade Parents,

This year, your student will begin the process of preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. We joyfully look forward to facilitating this opportunity for you and your child to a more deeply encounter with Christ!

It is the responsibility of the parish in which you and your family are registered members and regularly attend Mass to provide your children with the preparations necessary to receive the sacraments. If your family is registered at another parish, please consult your parish for sacramental preparations for your children.

For students who are registered members of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Portland, preparations for the reception of these sacraments will occur online at home with parents using the “Signs of Grace” program. Our St. Patrick faith formation and school students will still receive their regular course material as they have been. Either in person at school or online/with textbooks at home.

If your child is enrolled in Children’s Faith Formation or St. Patrick School, you will be signed up to use the “Signs of Grace: You are Forgiven” online program. This will begin in November and an outline of when lessons should be completed by will be sent out later. These lessons will need to be completed before the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be received in December. The reason for the online program is that there are videos that go along with the lessons that will help with the learning process.

Parents are their children’s first teachers in many aspects of their lives. The Catholic faith is no different. This is where the children should learn from their parents the most. This part of teaching our Catholic faith will be left up to you parents this year and I am most confident that you will teach them what it means to forgive in a Christian way.

Please be assured of our prayers for your child and family in this blessed time!

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