

OLPH 1st Communion Parent Meeting

January 23rd 7:00pm Meeting Rm#2

I. Schedule for the year

A) Sacrament Dates

- a) 1st Reconciliation (March 4th, 3:00pm)
- b) 1st Communion (April 29th, 11:00am Mass)

B) Parent Meetings

- a) February 20th at 7:00pm in meeting room 2 (The Sacrament of Reconciliation)
- b) March 20th at 7:00pm in meeting room 2 (Eucharist)

C) Practice

- a) April 22nd after the 11:00am Mass
 - a) Mass (11:00am) with your Family, Lunch, Practice

d) Questions?

II. Why we do how we do things

- a) Sacraments should be incorporated into the regular life of the Church as much as is possible.
- b) Diocese of Toledo Policies for Sacramental Preparation State:
 - a) “The parish community should be apprised of and made a part of the preparation and celebration of First Eucharist, for this, too, is a celebration of initiation into the Christian community.”
 - b) “Ideally first Eucharist should be received at Sunday liturgy.”
- c) Benefits include fully integrating the candidates into the active life of the church in a way that is normal rather than extraordinary. This helps the candidates have a practical understanding of receiving the sacrament, and it introduces them to the church community.
- d) Bottom line is that sacraments are a community event rather than strictly a private undertaking.

III. Curriculum and what you can do to help

- a) Chapters 11 and 18 in the Alive in Christ series speak specifically about the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist respectively. I will be providing you books at each parent meeting that will help you guide your child to a better understanding of the sacrament. They are primarily structured in a way that you would read them to your child and then discuss what you read.

IV. 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion Dress Code (See Hand Out)

V. Baptism Information

VI. General Questions?