



## *St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church*

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Dear Parents,

Sacraments are shared celebrations for the family and the parish community at St. Stephen the Martyr. We are pleased to announce the schedule for the celebration of the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Attached is the calendar of dates and times for important events in your child's sacrament preparation. Sacrament assignments are made by class, and are listed by the teacher's name throughout the schedule. Please make sure you note these important dates on your calendar.

Parent meetings are held to give information about the upcoming sacrament. It is required that at least one parent attends the Reconciliation and First Communion Parent meetings. At the meetings, you will be given a packet for you and your child to do at home to help him or her prepare to receive the sacraments. Packets are to be returned to the child's teacher or the R.E. Office when completed.

**In order to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, we must have a copy of your child's certificate of Catholic Baptism on file in the Religious Education office.** If your child was not baptized at St. Stephen's, please have a copy of your child's Baptism certificate turned into the Religious Education office by Oct. 30, 2017. Many parishes will fax a copy of the Baptism certificate to us, at your request. Our fax number is 402-861-4590. If your child attends the school, they will give us a copy of the certificate you provided at registration.

**If your child was not baptized as a Catholic, please contact Mary Maguire about special preparations for your child to receive the sacraments.**

Thank you for allowing us to assist you in the religious formation of your child. We look forward to celebrating the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion with your family. If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education office at 402-896-5683 or [m.maguire@stephen.org](mailto:m.maguire@stephen.org).

In Christ's love,

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