February 6, 2019

Dear Parents of First Eucharist Candidates,

Welcome to the New Year! I am hoping your Christmas Season was blessed and happy (and also relaxing). With the holiday festivities behind us, it is now time to concentrate on the excitement of preparing your child for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We are so privileged to journey with you as your child becomes more fully initiated in the Catholic Faith.

Attached to this letter you will find the calendar of upcoming meetings, rehearsals and celebration dates. Please keep this calendar in a safe place so you won’t forget any of these important dates. I know many parents have been through this process with older children – **but, please remember it is NEW for this child!**

---IMPORTANT---St. Helena’s will again be offering two choices this year.

**Sat., May 11, 2019**
10:30 am – Children’s Celebration

**Sun., May 12, 2019**
11:00 am – Family Celebration (limited to 6 Families)

If you would like to participate in the FAMILY Celebration, please fill out the bottom portion of this letter and return to the Religious Education Office as soon as possible because the spots may fill up quickly. Once we receive your request, we will call you to confirm. **No sign up is needed for the Children’s Celebration on Sat.**

Please call our office at 762-4280 or email me at hpennell@sainthelenas.org if you or a family member are altar servers, lectors, cantors, Ministers of Holy Communion or have a visiting priest who will be in attendance and would like to participate. We will do our best to honor the request.

God’s Blessings,

Ms Hummy

Please return this portion to MS HUMMY as soon as possible.

**Sunday, May 12**
Family First Eucharist Celebration – 11:00 AM

**YES**, I would like our family to be part of the Family Celebration. **I know this is limited to the first 6 families who sign up.** I will be expecting to hear from your office confirming our participation.
FIRST EUCHARIST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March thru May, 2019

Sun., March 10           Parent & Child Meeting (Masci Hall)              12:15 pm

Sun., March 31           Child ONLY Meeting (Classroom)                   12:15 pm

Sun., April 7            Child ONLY Meeting (Classroom)                    12:15 pm

Mon., May 6              Family Celebration Rehearsal                       6:30 pm
                          (in Church)
                          (a parent and the child need to attend)
                          The above Rehearsal is ONLY for children making First Communion on Sunday.

Wed., May 8              Children’s Celebration Rehearsal                      6:00 pm
                          Children who rehearsed on Monday do NOT
                          attend this rehearsal.
                          (in Church)

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Sun., May 12, 2019       Family Celebration                                11:00 am
Please call the office (762-4280) if you or a family member are a Lector, Cantor, Altar Server or Minister of Holy Communion and would like to participate in either of the celebrations. Also, if you have a visiting priest who will be attending, let us know so he can concelebrate with Msgr. Russell.