Dear 2nd Grade and Basic Religion 2 First Holy Communion Parents:

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we are all making changes to our habits and expectations each day. As Father Tully has shared so well, this situation urges us to exercise the virtue of charity to take care of others even to the point of personal sacrifice. That love calls us at this time to share good news and burdens, as well as to social distance from each other to avoid the chance of sharing germs, viruses, and bacteria. It is in this spirit that we are not congregating as a faith community to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays, as well as gather for other Sacraments and church life events.

*In light of all this, First Holy Communion for your child(ren) is being postponed until the weekend of June 6-7, 2020.* While we hope that this wonderful Sacrament will take place on this weekend, please know that we will have to adapt to the changing circumstances, should it be necessary. The First Holy Communion Family Retreat format will be adapted to a Kit that you will pick up and carry out as a family in your own homes. The kits will be picked up on....... Part of the Kit will be the making of your child’s First Holy Communion Banner which you will bring with you on the day and at the mass that you will choose.

So that you and your child can continue to prepare for the reception of this Great Sacrament, your child will be enrolled in an online Faith Formation Program, entitled “My Catholic Faith Delivered”. Our intent is to begin this program on the week of April 11-12, 2020 and continue to participate in this program through the weekend of May 30-31, 2020. *Participation is Required!* Instructions will be sent to you for access by email...

The Date and Mass Time Choices for June 6-7, 2020 are:

- --Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 5:00pm
- --Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 8:00am
- --Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 11:00am
- --Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 1:00pm

Please call me or text me at 252-229-2394 with your child’s full name(s) and mass time choice by Friday, May 1, 2020.

We also want you and your children to have an Easter Experience despite our constraints by picking up a Packet at the church as a drive through on Sunday, April 5, 2020 between 10 am and 12 noon at the entrance to the school.

God Bless,

Joy Harsen-Director
LisaAnn Ludwig-Coordinator