

**No Cost for Formation!**

Mary Queen does not charge for children's formation classes. However, it costs about \$18 per child to provide the books and materials. You may want to consider adding that amount to your usual tithe.

**Reconciliation**

A friendly reminder that Reconciliation should be received during Lent each year. MQ has Reconciliation every Saturday from 2-3:30pm. You can also schedule with any priest by calling 278-7432 if you need outside these times. MQ school students will receive the sacrament on Wednesday March 24. There is an evening Penance Service for the parish on Wednesday March 10 at 7:00pm. It is courteous for parents, godparents and sponsors to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before their child/candidate receives any sacrament.

**Quilt Project**

March 14, you will be given a white square of fabric with directions to have your child decorate a QUILT SQUARE. They will need to be returned April 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be creating a First Communion Quilt to hang in the gathering area. We will need volunteers to help with assembly (no sewing required). Please email me at [cjohnson@cdlex.org](mailto:cjohnson@cdlex.org) if you are able to help with this project. Time and date of assembling the quilt will be determined by you.

**Dress Code**

Boys need to wear a shirt and tie – jacket is optional. No tennis shoes or jeans.

Girls need to wear a dress or dress slacks – no tennis shoes or jeans. Traditionally white is worn, but is not mandatory. Gloves and veil are optional. If your child wears gloves, they must take them off before receiving the host in their hand.

**Blessed Items**

Any priest would be happy to bless religious items which are gifts for First Communion. A rosary, Bible or candle is not needed during the Mass.

**Seating for the day of the sacrament**

Each child will be accompanied by two adults for the First Communion Mass. Sponsors are not needed for First Communion. The two adults can be the parents, godparents, grandparents or any other two adults. **Only** if there is no where else for a sibling to sit with someone, can a sibling sit with the two adults. We will be creating a seating chart for the First Communion students and their two adults. There is general seating for extended family members.

**Practice**

Practice will entail lining up in the hall way according to the seating chart and processing in and sitting down. We will also practice lining up for the group photo so this can be done quickly on Communion Day.

April 30 7:00pm - for Group A – May 1 4:00pm Mass Communicants

May 7 7:00pm – for Group B – May 8 4:00pm Mass Communicants

**Alternate date for First Communion?**

If attending either the May 1 or May 8 First Communion service is a hardship, please contact Cara Johnson as soon as possible. 278-7432 ext. 220 and [cjohnson@cdlex.org](mailto:cjohnson@cdlex.org)