

**SCHEDULE OF LESSONS FOR FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION – 2012**  
**SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM**

Instructors: Mr. & Mrs. Jamie & Marsha Barrick – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade P.S.R.  
Mrs. Mary Kobel – Sacred Heart School

**February 5**                    **Parent Gathering at Sacred Heart Church – 9:15 am in the Church**

**February 12**                    **Lesson 1: Let's Give Thanks and Praise**  
This lesson gives shape to the whole book. Let's give thanks and praise. The gift of Jesus is the source of our gratitude.

**February 19**                    **Lesson 2: Let's Celebrate**  
This lesson emphasizes the communal nature of our thanksgiving. We receive the gift as a people of faith.

**February 26**                    **Lesson 3: Let's Pray as One**  
This lesson shows us how we thank God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**March 4**                        **No 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Session or P.S.R. Classes – Teacher's In-Service**

**March 11**                        **Lesson 4: The Gift of Gathering as the Community**  
This lesson begins to link the understanding of thanks for the gift with the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. It discusses the Introductory Rites as the gift of the Spirit to the gathered community.

**March 18**                        **Lesson 5: The Gift of God's Word to Us**  
This lesson shows the importance of God's Word in the lives of believers. The Scripture stories are gifts that proclaim God's presence and action in our lives.

**March 25**                        **No 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Session**  
Regular P.S.R. Classes – Kings Kids – Stations of the Cross

**April 1**                         **Lesson 6: The Gift of Christ's Body and Blood                    (Palm Sunday)**  
This lesson focuses on the Eucharistic table at which the wonderful gift of Christ's Body and Blood is received.  
➤ *Grismer's Religious Gifts and Church Supply will be visiting and setting up shop this weekend (March 31/April 1) in the School Gym with 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Gifts available.*

**April 8**                         **Easter Sunday – No Class!**

**April 15**                        **Lesson 7: The Gift of Serving Others**  
This lesson invites us to consider how the gift we receive at the Lord's table is really appreciated when we share it with others we love.

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| <b>April 21 (Saturday)</b> | <b><u>Retreat – 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon</u></b><br>Meet in the School Gym. Please bring a sack lunch.<br>12:30 PM – Candidates and Parents meet in the Church for Practice |
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**April 22**                        **Lesson 8: The Gift of Everlasting Life**  
This lesson explains the anticipation of the future which we have with God. We celebrate the communion of saints, the gift of everlasting life that we share in even now at the Lord's Table. In the gift of Eucharist we have a foretaste of that promise.

**April 29**                        **First Communion Mass – 10:30 AM**  
➤ *Candidates should wear their Sunday best; Girls in dresses, Boys in slacks (no Cargo Pants), shirt and tie.*  
➤ *No Video Taping or Flash Photography will be permitted during the Mass*