Everything depends on how we love each other.

Mother Teresa.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the First Penance and First Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation for parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.  What a very exciting year this will be for you and your family!  Your child will prepare spiritually and emotionally to receive Jesus’ Body in the greatest Sacrament of the Catholic Faith! I am happy and honored to share in this journey with your family.

On Tuesday, October 3rd, in the Lower Hall (cafeteria) we will be holding the First Penance Parent meeting from 6:30-8:00pm.  At least one parent of each child planning to receive the sacraments at OLMC must be present at this meeting.  The children and their siblings are not to attend.  At this meeting you will receive a packet with guidelines and roles for families to live as “Domestic Church”; helping you to present the reception of these sacraments to your child in a way that only you can, knowing your child as you do. Directions for assembling and samples of “Jesus Book” faith journals, sacramental calendars and registration forms will also be made available.  Fr. Behrend will speak on the theology of the Sacrament of Penance, after which I will talk about the “nuts and bolts” of what is specific to OLMC Penance.

Weekly memos will be coming from this address on updates and needed information.  If you would like to change the email address l am using or add one, let me know.  Ask your friends if they received this email as it may have arrived in their spam folder and they will be unaware of the meeting taking place.

If you have any specific questions or concerns pertaining to Penance, please write me at this address.  Your child must be baptized before he/she celebrates Penance at the beginning of February.  If your child was baptized in another faith besides Roman Catholic, please let me know as there is an additional step to be taken then.

I am looking forward to meeting the new parents and seeing the faces of returning parents!  May God bless our year-long journey in bringing your child to His Table!

God bless,

Mrs. Gulden

ps. in the meanwhile you can check out the OLMC website (olmcwickliffe.org) under Sacraments/Education and the First Penance/Communion tabs for more info.