



Dear Parent(s),

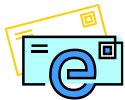
A highlight for the children at the Blessing Cup Retreat is when they receive letters from their parents, godparents, relatives, fellow parishioners and friends telling them how special they are!

As they receive these **surprise letters**, they are able to take some time and sit with their parents to read all the wonderful things people think about and see in them. It is a very touching moment to see the smiling faces of the children and the parents as they read the letters together.

Some things the letters should emphasize are:

- **How special they are**
- **The special gifts God has given them**
- **The special things that they do that make you smile**
- **How much you love them**
- **How proud you are of them**
- **What a special gift that they will soon be receiving in the Body of Christ**
- **That God made them special and unique and that He loves them very much**

Please send your letters and ask your relatives and friends to send their letters by January 19, 2024.



Letters may be emailed to **stclare_ofallon@yahoo.com**
Please include in the subject line: **Blessing Cup and child's full name**

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Letters also may be mailed or dropped off at the parish office to



Jane Dotson — Blessing Cup
St. Clare Parish
1411 Cross St.
O'Fallon, IL 62269

If letters are being placed in the mail,
please be sure to put the child's letter in an envelope with their **FIRST and LAST NAME**.
(Some children do share the same first name.)
Then put that envelope in the one addressed to Jane Dotson.

We need parent volunteers to help print and sort the letters in our office the week of January 22, 2024.

Keep in mind when writing the letters that the Blessing Cup Retreat is before First Holy Communion.
Please ask relatives to not send money or gifts with these letters.

**THE CHILDREN ARE NOT TO KNOW ABOUT THESE LETTERS IN ADVANCE.
IT IS A SPECIAL SURPRISE THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE AT THE RETREAT.
MOST CHILDREN RECEIVE 5-15 LETTERS.**

Please have letters turned in by January 19.

Peace, Jane Dotson

Share this info with family & friends. It can be found on our website:
www.stclarechurch.org — go to: Sacraments; First Holy Communion Top Secret Letter