



Blessed Sacrament Church

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Dear Parents,

Your child is eligible to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion this year. Congratulations! It is a wonderful time for you and your child. To help you prepare for these Sacraments, we at Blessed Sacrament Church have scheduled meetings with you and your child. The first meeting to help you and your child prepare for First Reconciliation will be on **Saturday, October 22 at 9:30 in the Parish Hall**. Please plan to attend this meeting with your child. There will be activities for the children to help them understand the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At this time you may purchase the books you will need to prepare for both Reconciliation and First Communion. There is a child's workbook and a family guide for each Sacrament. If you have had an older child receive these Sacraments, you may already have the Family guide, so it is not necessary to purchase another one.

On **December 3 at 9:30 in the church**, we will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (Remember to bring their decorated heart for the bulletin board.) Please be in the church before 9:30 so the children have an opportunity to pray and prepare for this Sacrament. After they have made their First Reconciliation, they will come to the front of the Church where they will light a candle and place their decorated heart on the bulletin board.

After your child has received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you will need to start preparing for First Communion. The first meeting for this Sacrament will be on **Saturday, February 4, at 9:30 in the Parish Hall**. At this time, the children will participate in several activities that will help them to understand better the Sacrament of First Communion. It is important that you and your child be present at this meeting.

First communion will take place at all the Masses on the weekend of **April 28 and 29**. We will have a rehearsal on **Saturday, April 28 at 9:30**. More information on the schedule of activities will be handed out at the February meeting.

The program that we are using is a home study, so you will need to spend time with your child preparing for these Sacraments. You may start the program at your convenience. However, preparation for Reconciliation should start no later than the week of October 16 which will give you one week per lesson and a week of review. First Communion preparation should start no later than the week of February 26 to allow for one week per lesson and a week of review.

We are looking forward to helping you and your child prepare for these Sacraments. Thank you for making every attempt to attend the scheduled meetings. **Please read the reverse side of this letter for responsibilities of the parent and child, so that you understand what is expected of you and your child for this Sacramental preparation.**

Please call Mary at 342-3336 by April 18, to confirm your 1st Communion Mass choice.

4/28@ 5:30

4/29@ 7:00

4/29@ 9:00

4/29@ 11:00

In Christ,
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