

# 2009-2010 Second Grade Sacramental Preparation

## **Gathering 1 (parents) - Sacraments: Celebrating God's Presence**

***Monday, October 5***                      ***6:30pm-8:00pm***                      ***Church***

This opening gathering offers parents a chance to get to know one another and to explore and deepen their understanding that the sacraments celebrate God's presence in our lives and in the life of our community of faith.

## **Gathering 2 (parents) - Reconciliation: Celebrating God's Forgiveness**

***Monday, November 23***                      ***6:30pm-8:00pm***                      ***Church***

This gathering invites parents to grow in their understanding of Penance and reconciliation and in their awareness of God's love and forgiveness in their life and the life of their family.

## **Reconciliation Family Retreat**

***Saturday, January 23***                      ***12:30pm-3:00pm***                      ***Church***

Parents and children come together to talk about loving and unloving choices we make in our lives. Through prayer, story, and conversation, this retreat invites participants to become aware of how to ask for forgiveness and how to offer forgiveness to others. This retreat provides opportunities for participants to engage in an "examination of conscience" and in a ritual of love and forgiveness between parent and child. A demonstration of the Sacrament of Penance helps children become more familiar and comfortable with the ritual.

## **First Reconciliation**

***Wednesday, January 27***                      ***7:00pm***                      ***Church***

## **Gathering 3 (parents) - Eucharist: Celebrating Our Community**

***Monday, February 15***                      ***6:30pm-8:00pm***                      ***Church***

All of us come to Eucharist through Baptism. During this gathering, parents explore the meaning of our Baptism and our connection with our parish—our community of faith.

## **Gathering 4 (parents) - Eucharist: Gathered to Be Sent**

***Monday, March 15***                      ***6:30pm-8:00pm***                      ***Church***

We gather with our Christian family to celebrate the Eucharistic meal and then we are sent forth to serve. This gathering explores the important connection between celebrating Eucharist and then going forth to bring Christ's presence and love to the world.

## **Eucharist Family Retreat (potluck luncheon, retreat, rehearsal)**

***Saturday, April 17***                      ***11:30pm-3:00pm***                      ***Church***

Through storytelling, banner-making, conversations, a tour of the church, and prayer, parents and children come together to deepen their understanding of the Mass and to explore themes of belonging, sharing a meal, and serving others—themes that are central to our understanding of Eucharist.

## **Eucharist Student Retreat**

***Friday, April 23***                      ***9:00am Mass, followed by full-day retreat***

## **First Holy Eucharist**

***Sunday, April 25***                      ***11:00am Mass***                      ***Church***