

WELCOME to the PARISH SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAM



Parents of 2nd grade students in our parish Religious Education Programs and in our parish school are enrolled into the Sacrament Preparation Program at the end of their child's 1st grade year. On Sunday April 25th and Information Meeting was held in McDonough Hall for all parents of the incoming First Reconciliation/Eucharist Class of 2011.

The purpose of the information meeting was to give parents just that; INFORMATION for the coming year of events and requirements, but most importantly where to find information about preparation for these two sacraments.



WHERE TO FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING.....

www.stgilesparish.org/SACRAMENTS

Simply hover over the SACRAMENT BUTTON ON THE LEFT OF THE SCREEN AND THEN SELECT FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHRIST

- ALL SACRAMENT PREPARATION INFORMATION IS POSTED TO THIS PAGE
- EACH MONTH SACRAMENT PARENTS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL REMINDER WITH LINK, LETTING THEM KNOW A NEW UPDATE HAS BEEN POSTED

- SACRAMENT WEBPAGE WILL ALSO CONTAIN A COMPLETE CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 2010-2011 PREPARATION YEAR
- PARENTS WILL ALSO RECEIVE VOICE MESSAGE REMINDERS OF UPCOMING DEADLINES/EVENTS

THINGS TO WORK ON OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS.....

- The following worksheets are taken from *Gathering Together First Celebrations of Reconciliation /Eucharist* published by Loyola Press. These worksheets were part of the Information presentation in April and it would be helpful for parents who did not attend to review the information on these worksheets.
- Consider participating in a service project with your entire family. This can be something as simple as reaching out to an elderly or homebound neighbor to offer friendship, or help with tasks.
- Look for opportunities to be of service in the parish . Our parish offers several opportunities for families to participate together, the monthly Children/Family mass is always looking for families to assist with this celebration as greeters, gift bearers, ushers, and lectors.
- The following organizations also offer opportunities for families to offer their time and talent: (Greater Chicago Food Depository ; Animal Care League; Exodus Refugee Ministries to name a few).

Check out the parish link below for more suggestions:

<http://stgilesparish.org/Sacraments/ConfirmationServices.html>



Developing the habit of being a person of service to others is an essential element of our Baptismal call as disciples of Jesus Christ. It is never too early to begin to instill this habit in our children, nor is it too late to begin in adults. It is equally important for children to see the adults in their world fully living their Catholic

Christian faith. We the adults of this faith community are the mentors to all the parish children. It takes a parish to support parents in HANDING ON THE FAITH to the next generation.

DATES TO SAVE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15....HARVESTFEST POTLUCK

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 13/ 14....RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP

FIRST WEEKEND OF DECEMBER..... FIRST RECONCILIATION
