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Dear First Reconciliation/Eucharist Parents,

Next Fall your son or daughter will start preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before they receive First Eucharist. Like all sacraments, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is to help us in our relationship with God and each other to prepare for receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. What a gift we as Catholics have in the sacraments! We hope we are assisting you in a positive way as you parent the faith to your children.

The Sacrament books we are using are, "Reconciliation" and "Eucharist" published by RCL Benzinger. Each chapter of the book has a family component and we encourage families to share this at home. Your child will bring the book home each week. Please have them bring the book back for each class. We are excited to have additional information and activities for each chapter that you can utilize at home. These can be found at the RCL Benzinger website. Please log on to www.rclbsacraments.com and follow the link titled "Sacraments."

A Parent/Child Reconciliation Meeting will be held on Monday, October 22, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Social Hall. Important dates to take note of are enclosed. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to work with you in preparing your child for the sacraments! Please feel free to call the office with any questions or concerns.

Dates to take note of:

- **Parent/Child First Reconciliation Meeting:** Monday, October 22, 2018 6:30-7:30 PM (Social Hall).
- **First Reconciliation: Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 10 AM.** Please have your son or daughter in the Church by 9:45 AM (this will be covered at our meeting).
- **First Eucharist Prep Session 1:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 9:30-11:30AM. We ask that at least one parent come for the first 30 minutes of this session for a prayer service and to get an overview for preparation for First Eucharist. This session will focus on Baptism and how we are all a part of God's family – the Church. (Social Hall)
- **First Eucharist Prep Session 2:** Saturday, March 23, 2019 9:30-11:30AM. At least one parent needs to come for the first hour of this session. This is our banner making session! The banners will be used to mark the family pew for the First Eucharist Mass. This session will also include a service with a tasting of unconsecrated hosts and wine. (Social Hall)
- **First Eucharist Rehearsal:** Monday, May 6, 2019 6:30-8:00 PM. (A.V. Room and School Library)
- **First Eucharist Mass and Celebration: Saturday, May 11, 2019 11:00AM.**
Please have your son or daughter in the assigned room (A.V. Room or School Library) by 10:30AM.

Thank you and God Bless!

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