

Dear Parents or Guardians:

This year your child will study and then receive two Sacraments. The 1st is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Your child studied how God loves us and wants the best for us in all things. We also learned that God wants us to love Him and others. The commandments tell us how to love Him and others. When we don't love Him or others, we call that sin.

Sac Prep parent meeting will be held on **November 18th** from **6:30pm-7:00pm** in the **Cana Chapel**. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if they are not baptized in our parish.

First Reconciliation will be held on **February 9th & 10th**, both at **St. Thomas Aquinas Church** and **both at 6:30pm**. You may choose either one to attend. You are encouraged to bring your family so after the children are finished you may partake of this wonderful Sacrament. I will ask you later for this decision.

The 2nd Sacrament they will study and then receive is the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. They will study why we believe the bread and wine become Jesus' Body and Blood and how wonderful this is to receive at every Mass.

We will have **First Communion retreat/practice** on **May 2nd** at **St. Thomas Aquinas Church** from **3:00-5:00pm**. One parent/adult **must** attend with your child as you will learn where your child will sit on the day of First Communion.

First Communion Masses will be: **Saturday, May 8th** at **St. Thomas Aquinas Church** at **4:30pm**, or **Sunday, May 9th** at **St. John Church** at **12:00pm**. You may choose one and I will ask you later for this decision.

Please try to have your child sit close to the front of the church each Mass so they may view what the Priest does and says as this will help with their study of the Mass. Please encourage them to participate in the responses so they will be actively engaged at Mass when they finally receive.

Blessings to your families,

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