# IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO HAVE YOUR CHILD MAKE HIS/HER FIRST RECONCILISTION AND FIRST COMMUNION THIS YEAR PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY.

#### **Dear Parents**,

It has been so wonderful to be part of your child's faith formation this year! Please read the notes below concerning sacramental preparation for this year:

#### **Required Parent Meetings**

We hold two parent meetings each year; one for First Reconciliation and one for First Communion. These classes are required classes and we strongly urge each parent to attend. We will be sending out the dates for these classes as we come closer to the date of the Sacrament.

#### **Student Baptismal Records**

To receive the sacraments of First Reconcilation and First Communion, our parish must have records of each student's baptismal records. Please fill out the attached form and make sure all information we need is given to us by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Catholic 200's Requirement

Our Church teaches that Parents are the primary educators of their children, and that parents' participation in Sacramental Preparation is an extremely valuable and rewarding part of the process. Therefore, <u>at least one parent is required to attend two Catholic 201 meetings offered by the parish.</u>

Many of you have already taken advantage of this opportunity by attending one or more of the Catholic 201's. If you have already begun this essential part to your child's sacramental preparation by going to a Catholic 201 class, please contact me with which one and I will make record that information. I would like to suggest that you continue in making these valuable opportunites part of your faith journey.

We also offer two alternatives to Catholic 201 this year. First is our Family Advent Night November 30, and second is our Family Lenten Night February 28. These nights are a wonderful tradition to start with your family during our holy seasons of Advent and Lent.

First Communion is scheduled for April 30 and all required classes need to be participated in prior to that day. If you have difficulties because of scheduling, please contact me as soon as possible so that we can work together to find a solution.

Please see the currently scheduled Catholic 201 offerings below. Also, if you attend a session, please sign the attendance sheet so that our records are correct.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me. May God bless you in this most sacred and special time in your family's life,

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## **Catholic 200 Dates:**

All Classes are at 7:00pm (St. Mary's Church)
November 17<sup>th</sup>
December 12<sup>th</sup>
January 4<sup>th</sup>
February 22<sup>nd</sup>
March 16<sup>th</sup>
April 26<sup>th</sup>

### **PFFP DATES:**

November 30<sup>th</sup> – Family Advent Night 6-8pm January Parent Meeting TBA January 28<sup>th</sup> – First Reconciliation @ St. Mary's 9:00am.

February 28t<sup>h</sup> – Family Lenten Night 6pm April Parent Meeting TBA

April 30 - First Communion @ St. Mary's 10:00am