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### ***RECONCILIATION PROGRAM – September 2023***

1. Faithful attendance in the Religious Education Program or St. Gilbert School.
2. Activity Packet – Parents complete the sheets that are given to you at the meeting. Return the completed sheets/packets at the Church when you come for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
3. Reception of the Sacrament is scheduled on these dates. Choose the one that is most convenient for your family. The dates are as follows:

**Friday, November 10, 6:00 pm in the Church**  
**Friday, November 17, 6:00 pm in the Church**

4. In preparation for the reception of the Sacrament, each child is to make a banner using the attached drawing of a sheep. The banner can be any color felt and the sheep can be decorated with cotton balls, sequins, markers, beads, tissue paper, etc. A dowel rod or branch and string can be used at the top of the felt for hanging. The banner is to be brought with you to First Reconciliation.
5. The children need to memorize the Act of Sorrow using the gestures.

**My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.**

6. The form of confession is as follows:

The parents present the child to the priest:

“Good evening/morning, Father. We present our son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ (first name) for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”

The parents leave and the child continues, “Hi, Father. My sins are \_\_\_\_\_ (name one or two). I am sorry for my sins.” The priest will talk to the child and then give absolution. During absolution the child should make the sign of the cross. At the end of the absolution the child says, “Amen.”

Role play with your child going up to the priest saying the words above.

7. Family Forgiveness Service – Sometime before the scheduled First Reconciliation gather the family together and pray the Family Forgiveness Service.
8. Parent meeting for First Communion: January 28, 2:00 pm Mass in the Church.
9. Jesus Day: February 10, 1:00 – 4:00 pm and February 17, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Parent and student will attend.
10. First Communion Dates:

REHEARSAL

Thursday, April 17, 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 24, 6:00 pm

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Saturday, April 20, 1:00 pm

Saturday, April 27, 1:00 pm