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## ***RECONCILIATION PROGRAM – September 29, 2022***

Faithful attendance in the Religious Education Program or St. Gilbert School.

Activity Packet – Parents complete the sheets that are given to you at the Meeting. Return the completed packet at the Church when you come for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Reception of the Sacrament is scheduled on two dates. Choose the one that is most convenient for your family. The dates are:

**Friday, November 18, 6:00 pm in the Church**

**Saturday, November 19, 10:00 am in the Church**

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.

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.**

The form of confession is as follows:

Parents present your child to the priest:

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

You leave and your child continues, “**Bless me Father, for I have sinned. My sins are \_\_\_\_\_ (name one or two). I am sorry for my sins.**”

The priest will talk to your child and then give absolution. During absolution, the priest will raise his hand and say, “I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” At this time your child should make **the sign of the cross**. At the end of the absolution, your child says, “**Amen.**”

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

Teach your child to examine his/her conscience by thinking about the good choices and the bad choices that they have made. Thank God for the good choices and ask forgiveness for the bad choices. Please do this once a week. This will help your child to recognize what sins he/she will confess when going to confession.

Parent meeting for First Communion will be on January 29, 2023 at 2:00 pm.

Jesus Day Retreat: February 11, 1:00 – 4:00 pm or February 18, 9:00 – 12:00 Noon.

First Communion Dates:

REHEARSAL  
Wednesday, April 19, 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, April 26, 6:00 pm

FIRST COMMUNION MASS  
Saturday, April 22, 1:00 pm  
Saturday, April 29, 1:00 pm