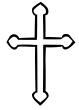




# St. Patrick Catholic Church

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August 1, 2011

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Dear parent of First Reconciliation/Holy Communion candidate:

Preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please note that we will have two special dates: **First Reconciliation** on Saturday, December 3, 2011 beginning with Mass at 8 am and a Mass of celebration for **First Holy Communion** on Saturday, May 5, 2011 at 9:00 am.

The Sacramental Preparation program is designed to include parents in the preparation of their children for reception of the Sacraments of Confession and First Holy Communion. Since parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith we ask that the parents:

1. Attend each scheduled formation session with their child. (See attachment)  
***Make-up sessions with Fr. Huemmer are required for any missed sessions.***
2. Review the sacramental preparation materials with their child, helping them grow in their knowledge and love of the faith handed down by Jesus and His Church.
3. Witness to the value of the sacraments by frequenting them and letting their child know of the great joy and value of the sacraments.
4. Make it a point to help their child each night before bed to examine his/her conscience and recite the act of contrition. (The act of contrition should be memorized by First Reconciliation).

In order to defray the cost of the workbooks and other supplies there will be a \$20 fee for Sacramental Preparation. If you need assistance with the cost, please don't hesitate let us know. Enclosed please find an "*Information for Sacramental Records Form.*" Please return the completed form along with your payment to the Parish Office **no later than September 8, 2011.**

If your child was baptized in a church other than St. Patrick please call that church and ask for a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. We need a newly prepared copy, not one that was issued when the child was baptized. Churches will be more than happy to send one to you at no cost or they can mail it directly to St. Patrick. **Baptismal certificates are also due by September 8, 2011.** Please contact me in the Parish Office at 452-6021 if you have any questions. We will keep you and your child in our prayers as together you journey to receive these sacraments and experience the fullness of God's love.

*In Jesus, Mary and Joseph,*

Fr. David Huemmer



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