



March 20, 2019

Dear 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parents,

The children have been preparing for their First Reconciliation, and it is finally here! Unless you have made prior arrangements, your child will be making their First Reconciliation tonight, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. If you can, please go over the Role Play and Act of Contrition before heading to church. Please remind your child that Reconciliation is a special Sacrament, and that there is nothing to be nervous or scared of! ☺

Please don't forget to bring a non-perishable food donation for our Out-Reach program; there will be containers for the items. Thank you for your contributions to this worthy cause. Best of luck to all of my 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders and may God continue to bless them today and always! ☺

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kotlik

### **CHURCH MEMO-**

When you enter the church with your family please bring your child over to the table to check in and pick up a name tag. Children will gather in the hospitality room and will process into church. The children who will receive the sacrament will be sitting together in the front of the church. When it is time for confessions, parents will take their son or daughter to the Reconciliation area, introduce him or her to the priest: "Father this is (name). We are bringing him/her to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation." Parents wait outside the door/area until their child is finished. After they are finished take them back to your pew. Let them say any prayers they were given as a penance and then bring them to the front of the church. You will receive a pin to put on your son/daughter...then a big hug is in order! They will return to sit with the other students until the final song. We will not be taking a group picture because we have several parents that have indicated no pictures to be taken. This is a big step for them and they have prepared well. They are very excited about this day. It would make the day extra special, also, if they dressed up for the occasion. We look forward to First Reconciliation and pray that this sacrament will give them the peace and love that Jesus has promised.

### **FORM AND ACT OF CONTRITION**

Please remember to go over the form for confession prior to the day they are scheduled to receive the sacrament. Children are always more comfortable with confession if they have the prayer and form down pat. Then they can go in with confidence and really listen to the priest. If you have any questions or need the form please ask your child's teacher or call the Religious Education office.

Remember to use the examination of conscience given in the packet earlier this year. It will help your child give thought to what sins need to be confessed. Many blessings, thank you for all your assistance.