

## Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

We have been working on providing the fundamentals in the first part of the year and will now incorporate those into using the Blessed Preparation program from Dynamic Catholic.

There will be a separate package of parent materials for you to pick up; for students in the school these will be distributed through the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers. For those in the Religious Education program; whether Faith formation in the home or distance learning you will need to pick up the package. For those who chose in person classes this year you will be able to join the distance classes on Monday or Tuesday or continue in the home program; we do need to know your decision.

### The week of 1/31

Packages will be ready on Tuesday for pickup and I will have them delivered to the school office for school families and Faith formation families can pick them up beginning

We are asking all families whether in Religious Education or School to go on the Parish Website and listen to a pre-recorded message concerning preparation for the sacrament. This will be available on 1/29; under the Religious Education tab under sacraments. This will take the place of a parent meeting.

Those in Faith formation in the home will receive a separate sheet with instructions on using the Blessed Series from Dynamic Catholic. There will be a schedule and a way to get into the link. You can download the student book and teacher guide. If you wish a textbook for your student please let us know we can provide those along with the discs; there are only a limited number of the teacher's guides and books.

You can also go to the Dynamic Catholic Blessed Reconciliation to download the books and sessions.

Distance learning, we are incorporating these into the lessons. This will be sent to you via Google Classroom.

School classes will handle the lessons.

**Retreats** My tentative plan not written in stone is below; if we are unable to gather we will do Virtual sessions

During the Easter break and on some weekends in April we will schedule small gatherings [retreats] and will practice social distance to prepare for the sacrament. I am hoping that some of the restrictions are lifted by then. We will also hold a small number of Virtual retreats during the break or on a Saturday afternoon

Sign up for retreats will be via signup genius

**Celebration** - Once again tentative; how and when we gather will be determined by COVID- 19 conditions and restrictions.

Sign up to celebrate the sacrament will be via signup genius. We are planning to celebrate the sacrament in late April and early May; on a Wednesday evening. More details to follow.