

## **Additional Information**

**Presentation of Sacramental Candidates** will take place on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at the 5pm Mass and Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at the 10:15am Mass. Families are invited to attend one of the Masses so the children can be blessed and recognized during Mass.

**First Reconciliation Practice:** All students should plan to attend First Reconciliation Practice on **Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the Church. Monday night PREP students should attend PREP that evening at normal times and will walk over with their class. MPRCS and Homeschool PREP Students should meet at the Church at 6:30pm.

**First Reconciliation** is **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the Church. Students will be sitting with their families in Church. Students should be dressed neatly but comfortably. They will have a choice to go face to face with a priest or go into a confessional. Family members are encouraged to receive the Sacrament after the students.

We have scheduled a **Mandatory Practice and Banner Making Afternoon** for the students **on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** which will be held at the parish from 5-7:30pm. A detailed schedule will be provided in the spring. Parent volunteers will be needed!

The **First Holy Communion** Masses are **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am and Noon**. At First Holy Communion, students process into Church and sit together in the front pews while families and guests sit in the pews behind them. There will be more detailed information about the day of First Holy Communion provided in the spring.

There is no set dress code for First Communion but in the past girls wore a white dress and boys wore a dress shirt with a tie, sports jacket with slacks or suit. Please no sneakers, jeans or sports gear. For girls: if a veil is worn, please no blusher; any head pieces should be secured; shoes should be appropriate to walk in (no high heels or flip flops) and gloves should not be worn during Mass. Children cannot carry rosaries, bibles or anything else into Mass. Stores such as Sears and JCPenney have very reasonably priced clothes appropriate for First Communion. There are also families in the parish who have expressed a willingness to loan dresses or sports coats/suits.