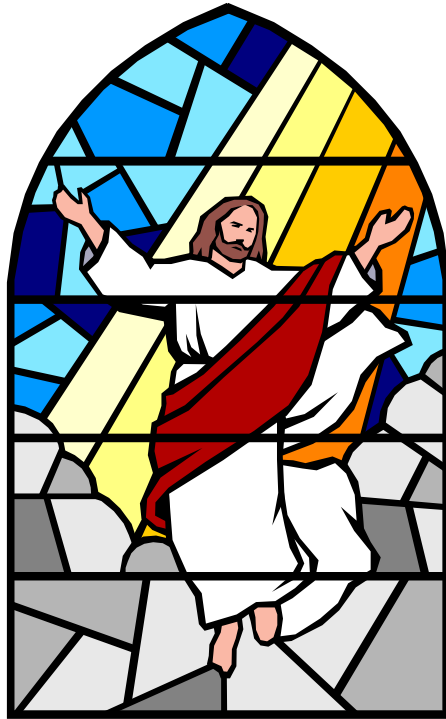


First Reconciliation

Fall 2010

Saint Anne Parish



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a blessing and gift of God's peace. As sons and daughters of a loving God, we are all invited to celebrate the healing grace that is offered through this sacrament.

Reconciliation is a powerful example of God's presence in our lives. Jesus taught us through parables such as the **Good Shepherd** and the **Prodigal Son** that God longs for our presence and is always waiting and welcoming when we lose sight of God's way.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation grows out of the communal reconciliation rite we practice each Sunday at Mass. In this sacrament we come to God with the knowledge that we sin, that our sin hurts our community and ourselves, and that God is anxious to forgive and heal any broken bonds. Our emphasis on the family's role in reconciliation grows out of the reality that it is within the home that most of us learn to love, to forgive, and to be forgiven.

At Saint Anne's we invite children who have completed at least one year of Faith Formation to begin the formal process of Reconciliation. The sacramental process has three major elements:

1. Children and parents work on a series of home activities and reflections focused on forgiveness and God's grace.

2. Children work on lessons in the Reconciliation textbook and complete related assignments.
3. Children and parents share a series of activities and lessons in the parish's large group session.

Formation lessons on sin, forgiveness, and reconciliation are part of our formation process for Reconciliation. Understanding that each person develops an awareness of sin, responsibility, and forgiveness in an on-going life process, the final determination of readiness is left to the parents and child.



Preparation

Families who wish to have their children begin the process of sacramental Reconciliation are asked to follow these simple steps:

1. Participate in either parish Faith Formation or in one of the area Catholic schools.
2. Register in the Reconciliation process for the parish through Faith Formation.
3. A parent must attend one of the orientation sessions at which all materials and textbooks will be distributed.
4. As a family, work on the sacramental lessons and return the review pages.
5. Attend the Parent-Child program together. This is followed by a parish blessing at Mass.
6. Celebrate Reconciliation as a family.

First Reconciliation Schedule Fall 2010

Our program begins with Orientation and Formation for PARENTS.

Sunday, September 19

(Noon – 1:30 pm)

or

Monday, September 20

(7:00 – 8:30 pm)

Children and Parents participate in one afternoon of formation and activity on:

Saturday, November 13

(2:30 – 6:15 pm)

This program concludes with Mass and the Blessing of the children

We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a community on

Tuesday, December 14

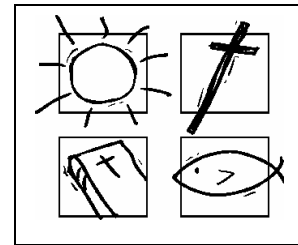
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If you have questions
about the Reconciliation process
or are concerned about
any of the expectations,
please call Ed Duncklee 262-694-0026
or email eduncklee@saint-anne.org

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PLEASE PRINT

Child's Name _____ Home Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Present School / Grade _____

Address _____
Street City State/Zip Code

Mother & Father's Names _____

Child resides with? Father ____ Mother ____ Both ____ Other ____

Second Address (if necessary)

Parent's Name Street City State/Zip Code

Our family is registered in Saint Anne Parish: Yes ____ No ____
If not, which parish _____

Photo Release Statement

I hereby grant permission to Saint Anne Parish, Pleasant Prairie, WI, to use my child's photo for external publication on the Internet at Saint Anne's website or in any other official printed publications without further considerations, understanding that my child's full name will not be published on the internet.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Program Assistance

We need adult assistance with some of our planned activities during the afternoon program for Reconciliation on **November 13th**. If you are willing and able to assist, please indicate this here:

Print the name of the adult who would like to assist _____

Materials Fee

In order to defray expenses, we ask each family participating in the Reconciliation process to contribute a **material fee of \$25 with registration**. No one is denied sacramental preparation due to an inability to pay. For fee assistance, call the Faith Formation Office 262-694-0026. Check should be made payable to Saint Anne Parish.

Return completed registration and fee by September 1st to:

Special Needs or Circumstances

Please list – on the reverse side – any information (i.e. learning disabilities, medications, allergies, etc.) we should know which will help us serve your child as best we can.

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