

## Information and Important Dates

### Family Faith Formation and Children's Sacrament Preparation

#### Sacrament Preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion

- We require that at least one parent and the child participate in the Family Faith Formation program.
- Family Faith Formation will help the parents educate their children about the Catholic faith. The monthly meetings are designed for the entire family and they are not just for families of children preparing for the sacraments.
- It is highly recommended that the entire family attend these once a month meetings.
- In addition to the Sunday family meetings, the child and at least one parent must attend a retreat for each of the sacraments. The retreats are held on a Saturday morning from 9:00-11:30.
- The parents and the child will have six small booklets to complete at home for each of the sacraments. These materials focus specifically on the meaning of the sacraments and on what your child needs to know before receiving them.
- **The child's family must be registered and active in the parish of Corpus Christi.**

#### Family Faith Formation

- Family Faith Formation meetings are held the first Sunday of the month, October through May, from 8:30-9:30 in the community center.
- Families come together to share and learn about the Catholic faith through the monthly meetings.
- Each month focuses on a particular theme based on the teachings of the Church. The families are given activities and readings to complete at home before meeting again.
- This group is not just for those families who have a child preparing for First Communion. It is designed to guide the parents in continuing their own faith journey while giving them the support they need to lead their children into a life centered on Christ.

—————>  
*Continued*

## **Important Dates**

Family Faith Formation will be the first Sunday of the month from October through May, 8:30-9:30 in the community center.

First Reconciliation Retreat, **Saturday**, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:30

The children will have an opportunity to receive Reconciliation after the 9:45 mass on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

First Communion Retreat, **Saturday**, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00-11:30

Families will choose a date for their child's First Communion for either the 4:30 Saturday mass or the 9:45 Sunday mass.

\*First Communion masses will begin the weekend of May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, with none occurring on Mother's Day weekend.

***Continued***