

SAINT LOUIS de MONTFORT
Catholic Community

August 20, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

You are receiving this letter because you have a child who will be in second grade during the 2020-21 school year, which promises to be a wonderful year of transformation, growth, and community. During the coming year, your child will receive two Sacraments: First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The Sacrament of Reconciliation grants forgiveness of sins and reconciles oneself back to Christ and His Church. Then following our Easter celebration, your child will be receiving their First Holy Communion. There is no greater gift than to receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion. The Church describes the Most Holy Eucharist as "the source and summit of our Christian life" and the "sum and summary of our faith" (CCC 1324, 1327).

As your child's primary examples in the faith, you have been preparing them from Baptism for these incredible graces. We humbly ask to come alongside you and continue your child's faith formation. To prepare them for their life in Jesus Christ and His sacraments, we will walk with you each step of the way.

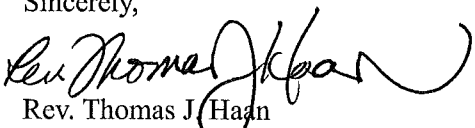
We want to communicate early and often with you about your child's preparation for the Sacraments. First, your child must be enrolled in either the parish Religious Education program or the parish school. We encourage you to enroll your child now in religious education by visiting our website at www.sldmfishers.org. You are welcome to contact the religious education office at 317-842-6788, ext. 215, or by emailing Beth Craig at bcraig@sldmfishers.org. **If your child is not enrolled in the parish religious education program or the parish school, they will not be able to prepare to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist and will have to complete them at a time when they are enrolled.**

There are also several upcoming meetings and retreats for parents and children. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend all of the events below:

- Reconciliation Retreat** Saturday, October 17, 2020
- Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday, November 7, 2020
- First Eucharist Retreat** Saturday, March 7, 2021
- First Eucharist Masses** Sunday, April 25 & May 2, 2021

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important step in your child's religious education and sacramental life of the Church.

Sincerely,


Rev. Thomas J. Haan
Pastor