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St. Nicholas Church

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Dear Parents:

With Lent just around the corner, it is time to look to your child's First Reconciliation and First Communion. Since we are not able to meet in person this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we are mailing information to you for your use in preparing your child to receive the sacraments.

Enclosed please find for your completion and return, registration for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Please complete the enclosed yellow form and return it to the parish office at your earliest opportunity by either placing it in an envelope and dropping it in the collection basket, dropping it off at the parish office, or mailing it to the parish office at 955 E. Main Street, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

As you know, it is necessary for the children to go to confession prior to making their First Communion. It is helpful for the students if the entire family participates in the sacrament at the same time and parents and siblings of age are encouraged to lead by example by going to confession with the child. Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the Church. During Lent there are additional times, as printed in the bulletin. I have enclosed two guides for use in preparing for and receiving the sacrament. First is the "Examination of Conscience for Adults and Teens", the second is "A Guide To Confession for Children". I hope you find them useful. If you would like additional information, please call the parish office. We have several resources that may be useful as you teach your child about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the gift of forgiveness.

First Communion will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the church. Practice for First Communion will be held on Friday, May 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. Please mark your calendars. It is imperative that the parents and child be present for the practice. Additional information will be provided as we draw closer to the date and as we learn more about the Covid-19 restrictions that may be in place at that time.

Please do not hesitate to contact the parish office with any questions or concerns you may have, or if we can help you in any way.

May God bless you and your family abundantly.

Yours truly in Christ,

Reverend Martin J. Ralko
Pastor

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