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Dear Second Grade Families:

On Tuesday, March 9th or Wednesday, March 17th, your child will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7pm in the church. This important Sacrament lays the foundation for your son or daughter to receive the ultimate gift, the Body of Jesus our Savior in the Sacrament of the Eucharist later this Spring.

Second grade students prepared to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the fall in our GIFT classes. They learned about the importance of recognizing our sins and seeking God's forgiveness.

Reconciliation is a wonderful moment in the faith development of your child and one that you can support by reviewing the information in the worship aide prior to attending the Reconciliation Prayer Service with your son or daughter. Please note that all students must have satisfactorily completed all lessons in the Reconciliation student book in order to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in March.

The Reconciliation Prayer Service will be a prayerful and peaceful experience for your child to encounter the power of God's love by going to confession with the priest. Following music, readings and prayer, children will be escorted by their parent(s) to one of the priests, where they will go privately to Reconciliation. Following the steps on the worship aide, your child will make their first Confession, then return to the church to say a prayer, which is their Penance given to them by the priest.

We ask that students and family members help us keep this evening prayerful as is fitting for receiving a Sacrament. Please have everyone dress appropriately for church, and remind them to be respectful in God's house. Kindly go through the worship aide with your child, and review their basic prayers: The Sign of the Cross, the Lord's Prayer, and the Act of Contrition, which are all included in the worship aide. A review of the Hail Mary would also be beneficial, as it is often used as Penance.

If you have any questions, please reach out to myself or the GIFT Ministry Coordinator, Laura Shamber at youthministry@goodcounsel.org.

In His Name,

Fr. Darwin