



BE FREE....

**I ABSOLVE YOU OF
YOUR SINS**

**IN THE NAME OF THE
FATHER**

AND OF THE SON

**AND OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

**First Reconciliation
2011**

*Ministry of Faith Formation
St. Brendan
the Navigator Church*



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Welcome!

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Philosophy and Goals

We are all in need of forgiveness and healing. Catechesis on the meaning of this sacrament of forgiveness is introduced in a detailed format in grade two and explicitly explained in grade four with the invitation to receive First Reconciliation in grade 2, 3 or 4. Many families choose grade Four.

Readiness and desire determines WHEN the sacrament should first be received. Your child is ready when he or she understands his/her relationship with God, recognizes sin and one's responsibility for it, and knows that God always forgives us when we ask for forgiveness.

We are always in need of forgiveness. Awareness of sinfulness and the need for reconciliation is a gradual development in the life of a child. The older the child is, the greater the understanding. Knowing your child best, you the parent decide the appropriate time and age for the sacrament.

How do YOU set the example within YOUR own family living situation to

show the need for reconciliation among one another?

*First Reconciliation Parent/Child
Meeting Dates ***

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

or

Thursday, October 21, 2010

7:00-8:30 p.m.

In the MPR of the school

****You need attend only one of these sessions. You do not need to pre-register to attend but please note that the child needs to be present for the meeting.**

In an attempt to provide catechesis and understanding of the sacrament to both parent and child at the same time, the child will be with you, the parent, during the entire meeting. The meeting will provide interactive hands on activities, video presentations, and an opportunity for parent and child to share with each other what individual reconciliation and reconciliation within the family means.

Likewise, you will receive, at this meeting, the reconciliation folder with the registration form, policies, procedures and reflective reading material.

You will receive the First Reconciliation Registration/Information Folder **only** by attending one of these parent/child Reconciliation meetings. No make up meetings will be scheduled. Meeting

dates and times have been published in the bulletin in the MFF section. The information has also been posted on our web site. The week prior to the meetings, the same information will be on the *Information Only* (*1) message on the MFF phone line. You are asked to place these dates on your activities calendar and give them *priority*.

If you have a conflict with either of the dates, you need to decide what is more important to you.

CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

**Saturday, March 12, 2011
10:00 a.m.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Saturday, March 12, 2011** at **10:00 a.m.** in the church. This celebration includes a communal penance service followed by individual confessions.

If, for some reason, you and your child are unable to attend the reconciliation service on March 12, 2011, an **INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION** is always available. Contact the MFF office for details—**876-9533**.



Receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation

On March 12, 2011 at 10 a.m., the ceremony in church will include: music, the story of the Prodigal Son, homily reflection, examination of conscience, reciting the Our Father, and the sign of peace.

Time for individual confessions follows in the church and/or in classrooms in the school. When it is time for your child to receive the Sacrament, introduce your child to the priest with these words:

“Father, this is my son/daughter, (first name only), who is now ready to meet Jesus in the sacrament of peace.”

Close the door and pray!

Embrace your child when he/she returns to you. Meet in the front entrance of school to light a “New Life” candle, pick up the certificate and join in the “Happy Party” in the cafeteria!

Return home and enjoy the feeling of being reconciled...being in harmony with our inner self allows us to truly become a **LIGHT TO THE WORLD** in which we live!

Who is Eligible to Receive?

Because Catechesis and understanding the sacrament is essential, children who enter our program with no prior faith formation sessions are not eligible to receive this year.

Your son/daughter needs to know the words to an act of contrition/sorrow which he or she has learned or can use the traditional form as listed below:

Act of Contrition

**My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all
my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against You and
your church.
I firmly intend, with the help of
Your Son, to make up for my
sins and to love as I should.
Amen.**

Fees

**Registration & fee returned on or before:
January 15, 2011
\$20.00**

Late registrations after 1/15:
\$25.00

Fee must accompany the registration form.

This fee helps with expenses for materials used at the parent/child meetings, for the ceremony (each priest present receives a stipend to compensate him for his time) and the refreshments offered at the “Happy Party” to follow the service.