



## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent,

Peace of Christ be with you! I am very happy you have enrolled your child in our Faith Formation program to prepare them for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. I'm just writing to remind you that as part of their preparation, your child is required to attend Mass each Sunday (or Saturday Vigil). This requirement begins Sunday, October 5.

We have provided for your child a Mass Journal which is kept in a labeled cabinet in the East entrance of the church. Your child is to get the journal when he/she arrives for Mass and fill out parts of that journal during Mass. After Mass, please have your child return the journal to the cabinet. We will keep track of the journals which show us that your child attended Mass.

If you attend Mass at another parish, then please have that priest sign their parish bulletin, along with your child's signature, and have your child bring it to their Wednesday class and give it to me or Carla Trahan, or just you can drop it off at the parish office. *Please keep in mind, that if your child misses three or more Masses, they may end up having the reception of their sacraments delayed.*

As their parent, you have the distinct privilege given to you by God to be the first witness to your child of the Faith. If you are not already attending Mass weekly, please consider doing so, not just for your child's sake, but also for the good of your own soul. The Lord loves you and desires your salvation, which is why He gave us the Third Commandment to Keep Holy the Sabbath. If it has been a while since you have attended Mass, then there is no time like the present to jump back into that spiritual saddle. A good Confession will get everything back on track. If you are already going weekly, awesome!

I certainly look forward to seeing you and your child at Mass and joining with us in the sacrifice of Jesus for our redemption. May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Sincerely Yours in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Jeff Eppler  
Pastor