

Greetings from the Office of Faith Formation at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Community!

I am writing to you today because you have a child who will be in the second grade this fall. Typically, this is the year that your child would prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

**The Archdiocese of Milwaukee requires that all children who wish to prepare for a sacrament must have actively participated in a Faith Formation program the year of and prior to receiving the sacrament.**

What does that mean at Our Lady of Lourdes?

If your child and you have faithfully attended our GIFT program\* when your child was in first grade, then he/she is invited to join us in Sacrament preparation this upcoming Fall 2015 and Spring 2016.

If you have not been a part of this program (or a program at another parish or in a Catholic school) then we invite you to join us for GIFT this year. Your child would then participate in Sacrament preparation *in the THIRD Grade\*\**.

***In addition*** to the Sacrament Preparation meetings, regular attendance and participation is required in the GIFT program.

Enclosed, please find a schedule and a registration form for this upcoming year of GIFT. After you look this over, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Have a blessed summer!

Peace,

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\*GIFT—Generations in Faith Together is our Formation Program. It is an intergenerational program that meets 10 times between September and April. Each session begins with a meal, an all ages activity, and age appropriate learning for the children and adults. This program includes children through senior citizens and has proved to be a rich way of passing on the faith.

\*\*If your child will be entering the third grade this year, he/she would receive the sacraments in their Fourth Grade school year.