

## St. Mary's Parish

July 30, 2011

Dear Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,

In keeping with the policy for reconciliation given to us by our Archdiocese of Indianapolis it has been determined that all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students shall prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation.

The policy reads as follows:

### 9550.3 First Reconciliation of Children

- a. Catechesis- Those children who were baptized as infants and have attained the use of reason are to be prepared to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance prior to First Eucharist.

*Since this policy is based on Canon 914, it assumes that all children shall be offered the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of penance before their reception of first communion.*

We realize that there are some 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who have not yet prepared and received this sacrament. They will be part of the program this year. In the future, the program will continue to be offered to all of our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students.

Further information and an outline of our reconciliation program will be sent to you in September of this year. We look forward to working with you to prepare your child for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation this year.

Sincerely,

Fr. John Meyer, Pastor  
Anita Navarra, Director of Religious Education  
Nancy Buening, School Principal