

St. Joseph Catholic Church & School Notice Regarding Sacraments & Mandatory Parent Meeting

Important changes will be taking place in the
Religious Education program

On Sunday, September 11, 2011 there is a mandatory meeting for all parents who's children are enrolled in the RE program. Brother Henry will be meeting you in the church at 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation

All candidates who started confirmation classes this past January 2011 and all 9 thru 12 graders who need to receive the sacrament of confirmation, Please contact Br. Henry

First Communion

In order to partake in First Communion, parents must provide a current copy of their child's Baptismal certificate. It must be issued from the church of Baptism within the past six months and affixed with a parish seal. If you have trouble contacting the church of Baptism, please speak to Brother Henry in the parish office.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church & School requires attendance at a First Communion retreat before the reception of the Sacrament. The retreat will take place on **Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Father Friend Hall.** This is a mandatory event.

First Communion will take place on Sunday, April 22, 2012 during the 11:00 a.m. Mass.



The *Touching Safety* Program will be presented at St. Joseph Catholic Church & School to all participants in Religious Education on

September 26, 2011

Parents and guardians are invited to view the six minute video on September 18, 2011 before RE begins. You have the right to opt your child out of the course by filling out the information on the back of the registration form and returning it to the Department of Religious Education.

There will be a make-up secession on **October 10, 2011** for any student who misses the original date and is not opted out by his or her parent.

All parents and guardians are encouraged to look through the *Protecting God's Children: Teaching Touching Safety. A Guide for Parents, Guardians, and Other Caring Adults*. This document can be found on the parish website. Select the "Parish Life" tab then "Virtus/Safe Environment." The document is entitled "Adult Guide." If you do not have access to a computer or if you would like to have a printed copy please contact Brother Henry in the parish office 225-5341 x 101 or e-mail brhenry@sjccs.net.