

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE  
272 KING STREET  
CRYSTAL LAKE, IL 60014  
815-455-9787

October 2, 2011  
Feast of the Guardian Angels

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this very special year of faith formation and celebration at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish! This year your 2<sup>nd</sup> grade child will have the opportunity to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist for the first time. In preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation we invite all **parents** of 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders to an informative evening regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a **parent only** meeting.

Whether your child attends **St. Thomas the Apostle School** or **Religious Education Classes** please plan on attending the parent meeting on Monday, October 24 in the church at Oak Street and 176.

The October 24 evening will proceed as follows:

- 6:45 pm arrival and pick-up of materials outside the Community Center Room
- 7:00 pm Welcome – Community Center Room –  
Witness Talk and presentation by one of our priests
- 8:00 pm Closing Prayer

If you are unable to attend the parent meeting, please call the RE Office to reschedule. It is important and beneficial that you attend this parent meeting or arrange to meet with Charlotte Kolodzik to receive information packets regarding 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation in November.

This letter also contains an information form. Please complete the form as soon as possible with your preferred 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with your child and return it to the RE office. If you have any questions, please contact the RE Office at 455-9787.

I look forward to meeting you and assisting you in the preparation of your child to receive the sacraments throughout the coming year. I pray that this year will be a time of great blessing and abundant grace for your family. I am happy to help you with any questions or concerns that you may have regarding your child's faith formation and sacramental preparation.

Respectfully,

Charlotte Kolodzik, DRE

**FIRST RECONCILIATION  
CHILD INFORMATION SHEET 2011**

(Please fill in all information completely and return as soon as possible)

NAME OF CHILD \_\_\_\_\_  
(As you want it to appear on certificate)

Date & Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(City & State) \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Place of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_  
(Church, City & State) \_\_\_\_\_

**WE NEED A COPY OF THE BAPTISM CERTIFICATE IF NOT BAPTIZED AT  
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE IN CRYSTAL LAKE.**

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
(As they appear on this child's Baptismal certificate)

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred First Reconciliation Service Choice: **(Indicate 1, 2 and 3)**

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|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| Monday, November 14   | 6:45 pm  | _____ |
| Saturday, November 19 | 9:00 am  | _____ |
| Saturday, November 19 | 11:00 am | _____ |

***Number in immediate family attending Reconciliation Service \_\_\_\_\_***  
***(Please include the child who is making their first reconciliation in the number.)***

Child attends:

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| St. Thomas School | _____ |
| Tuesday 4:30 RE   | _____ |
| Wednesday 4:30 RE | _____ |
| Wednesday 6:45 RE | _____ |
| Home Study        | _____ |

**PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE no later than October 19, 2011 to:**

**St. Thomas Religious Education  
272 King Street  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014**

**(815) 455-9787**