

# St. Joseph Religious Education

## Calendar

Updates and Reminders

*February 4*     **Religious Education**

*February 11*    **Religious Education**

**Family Mass, 10am**

**Confirmation  
Retreat, 11am-  
2:30pm**

*February 17*    **First Reconciliation**

*February 18*    **No Classes  
President's Day**

*February 25*    **Religious Education**

Join us for **Family Mass** on Sunday, Feb. 11th at 10:00am. Fourth graders will say the readings and take up the gifts. Thank you to everyone who has been attending Family Mass, your presence really makes a difference and it is wonderful to see your children practicing their faith!

St. Liborius Teen Youth Group will facilitate the **Confirmation Retreat** for the eighth graders on Sunday, Feb. 11th immediately following Family Mass and ending at 2:30pm. The retreat will be interactive, reflective, and a celebration of faith. It will take place in the gym. Lunch is provided for attendees.

**First Reconciliation** is on Saturday, Feb. 18th at 1:00pm in church. Please pray for our young ones as they take this new step in faith and grow closer to God.

During Lent children in 3rd-8th grade will go to confession during class time. As always we ask that you please support them in not only how to examine their conscience, but also reminding them that this is a **sacrament of healing**. Talk about how it feels to make up with a friend after an argument. Talk about what it has felt like for you when you know you've been forgiven. Hearing about this directly from you and observing you going to confession will make a huge difference in how your children approach reconciliation.



**Lent** begins on Valentine's Day this year and like always we will be asking all families in the parish to participate in **The Baby Bottle Project** benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Baby bottles will be handed to the oldest child in each family on Sunday, February 25th and are due back on Palm Sunday, March 25th. Thanks in advance for your generosity!