

## **Sacramental Program**

The Sacramental life of the students of the Catholic tradition is an important component of the religion program of St. Joseph School. Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist form the core of our efforts. During the spring, Catholic students in the second grade will receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Students begin preparation for these Sacraments as soon as they enter second grade. In accordance with diocesan guidelines, candidates for First Eucharist will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to First Eucharist.

Parents are required to be active partners in the preparation of their children for these Sacraments. Parents may choose to have their child receive Reconciliation or Eucharist in their own parish. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are celebrated with children baptized in the Roman Catholic tradition.