

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Dear Parents,

This year is an important year for your child and you as your child prepares to join us at the table of the Lord in Holy Communion in the spring of 2019.

Before that great day of celebration arrives, there will be much preparation and formation needed so our child is ready to receive Holy Communion.

For many years the Diocese of Sioux City has required parents to attend a meeting to go over the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the requirements of the preparation program. Deacon Greg and I realized a few years ago that this meeting has not been offered for many years in these parishes and thus we offered this meeting last year. With candidates in six parishes, this year's meetings will **Wednesday 19 September 2018, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Glidden AND Wednesday 26 September 2018, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the parish hall at St. John the Baptist in Arcadia.** [The location of these meetings has been selected where a great number of candidates reside.] At least one parent is to attend one of these meetings. Please choose one of these meetings to attend. If you are unable attend one of these meetings, please let me know asap.

During each meeting, we will present the responsibilities of parents and child, the purpose and significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the dates for celebration of First Reconciliation.

In January, we will offer meetings to help prepare for First Holy Communion, which will be held April 2019 in the children's home parishes at the Sunday Mass.

During this time, I hope this will be a spiritually rewarding experience for both you and your child as you work together through this program as you take advantage of the possibilities that this year brings as we grow in our commitment to our Faith.

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or are unable to attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Mark J. Stoll, JCL, VF
Pastor