**Praised Be Jesus Christ! Now and Forever, Amen!**

Dear 2nd Grade Credo Parents,

 Welcome to our 8 weeks of preparation for your child to make their First Reconciliation. I would just like to outline our 8 weeks for you so you know ahead of time what is to be expected. We will be utilizing the following resources:

1. *Grade 2 Faith & Life Series: Jesus Our Life*; Chapters 30, 17, 18, 19, 20

\*\*\*Please read these chapters WITH your child. There are questions at the end of the chapter that need to be memorized. The children will be tested in class. Bring books back to class every week.

1. *Twelve Lessons on the Catholic Faith* by Father Benjamin Sember; Lessons 2, 3, 8

\*\*\*These Lessons are designed to be read to your child or as a family, preferably the father or grandfather reading the lesson. Please take the time to read Father Sember’s introduction before beginning to read with your child. There are several questions at the end of each lesson that need to be memorized. The children will be tested in class. Please do not write in these books. You may keep them at home for the 8 weeks, but they will be collected on Wednesday, December 5th.

1. *Going to Confession* by Rev. L. Lovaskik, S.V.D.

This is to be read over Thanksgiving break and is yours to keep! It will not be sent home until Wednesday, November 14th.

1. *My Booklet about God’s LOVE and Forgiveness*

\*\*\*This will be referred to as the Workbook. Each week there will be pages assigned in the workbook that correspond to the readings assigned. Please do not work ahead! It is a lot of repetition, but full of good stuff that needs to be learned. Please work with your child on this as well.
 The workbooks need to be completed and turned in Wednesday, November 28.

1. *Other Worksheets*

\*\*\*On occasion there may be some other worksheets sent home similar those that have been sent home thus far this year.

I will also be requiring a Parent/Guardian Signature each week letting me know that the chapters were read with your child and the workbook and worksheets were also worked on with your child. Please be praying with your child and let them see your witness of getting to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I also would like to encourage active participation in the Mass every Sunday by helping your child follow along, singing the songs, responding to the Word of God, listening attentively, praying the Mass prayers, etc. Attached is the Act of Contrition we will be memorizing as well as a layout of our 8 weeks of class preparing for this amazing Sacrament! Please keep the **Assignment Sheet** in your child’s folder to bring to class each week! I welcome any questions you or your child may have. Please don’t hesitate to call me any time: 920-960-0271

Thank you for caring about the salvation of your child’s soul…
May God Bless Us as we begin this journey together!
Miss Jenny Johns

**Assignment Sheet**(Keep in Folder)

**Wednesday, October 3**We will be covering Chapter 30 today in the Faith & Life book on The Sacraments. We will learn: Definition of Sacrament, What the 7 Sacraments are, What Sacramentals are and a song to help us remember the 7 Sacraments.
**Homework: 1. Read Lesson 2: God’s Plan of Love in Fr. Sember’s book
 2. Workbook pgs. 4-12; 21-26
 3. The Day I was Baptized worksheet**

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**Wednesday, October 10**Today we will be taking a more in depth look at the Sacrament of Baptism. We will share our worksheets on The Day I was Baptized. We will also be talking about the effects of original sin, the effects of baptism and play act a Baptismal Ceremony in class.
**Homework: 1. Read Ch. 17 in the Faith & Life Book: Asking Forgiveness
 2. Workbook pgs. 40-50
 3. Double-Sided worksheet on Sin & the 10 Commandments**

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**Wednesday, October 17**We will be talking about sin (mortal and venial), forgiveness, the Prodigal Son, introduce the 10 Commandments and the Act of Contrition.
**Homework: 1. Read Lesson 3: God makes a Covenant in Fr. Sember’s book
 2. Workbook pgs. 12-20
 3. Practice the Act of Contrition (Hang Prayer next to bed!!!)**

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**Wednesday, October 24**We will be talking more about the 10 Commandments, obedience, trust God’s promise to send a Savior.
**Homework: 1. Read Ch. 18 in the Faith & Life Book: Jesus Forgives
 2. Workbook pgs. 52-58
 3. Practice the Act of Contrition**

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**Wednesday, November 7**We will be learning about the 5 Steps to a Good Confession, Absolution, Jesus giving His first priests the power to forgive sins and how The Sacrament of Penance gives us GRACE.
**Homework: 1. Read Ch. 19 in the Faith & Life Book: The Sacrament of Penance
 2. Workbook pgs. 58-65
 3. 2 Worksheets on Chapter 19
 4. At bedtime, review the day with your child. Talk about good and bad choices that were made during the day. Pray the Act of Contrition together.**

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**Wednesday, November 14**We will learn about the effects of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Perfect & Imperfect Contrition and we will begin to learn the Rite of Penance.
**Homework: 1. Read Lesson 8: Doing Good and Avoiding Evil in Fr. Sember’s book
 2. Workbook pgs. 28-40 \*\*\*Workbooks DUE NEXT WEEK\*\*\*
 3. Read *Going to Confession* by Rev. L. Lovasik, S.V.D.
 5. At bedtime, review the day with your child. Talk about good and bad choices that were made during the day. Pray the Act of Contrition together.**

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**Wednesday, November 28 – Workbooks Due TODAY!!!**We will be having a “mock” confession during class so the children can see how to go to the Sacrament and ask any questions they may have to Father. We will also be talking about Virtues and how to do good and avoid evil.
**Homework: 1. Read Ch. 20 in the Faith and Life Book: Making up for our Offenses
 2. 3 Worksheets from Ch. 20 Activity Book
 3. Bring Father Sember’s book to class next week – it will be collected!!!!
 4. At bedtime, review the day with your child. Talk about good and bad choices that were made during the day. Pray the Act of Contrition together.**

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**Wednesday, December 5**Today we will be talking about Penance and how we can make up for our sins and the sins of others, more on Virtue vs. Vice and we will be taking a field trip to the Confessional in the Cathedral.
**Homework: 1. Help your child Examine his/her Conscience for the 8th
 2. Pray the Act of Contrition together.**

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**The Act of Contrition**

**O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.**

**(Keep at home for practice!)**