

## **St. Matthew Parish Sacrament Policy and Practice**

Every baptized Christian may receive a sacrament as long as they are of age and have the proper disposition. Sacraments are administered by the parish to any of its members who are baptized, properly disposed and who request the sacraments. The children in Catholic School, the regular CCD/PREP, and the children in the Home Study program will all be continually evaluated to determine “disposition.” Proper disposition is reflected in the child’s positive attitude and cooperation during the preparation process.

**First Reconciliation** is administered usually on a Monday evening in March before the close of the regular CCD/PREP calendar year... Or before Palm Sunday after our children have completed two years of study. This is usually in second grade.

**First Holy Communion** is usually administered the last Saturday in April or the first Saturday in May after our children have completed at least two years of religious instruction. This is usually in the second grade.

**Confirmation** is administered by the Bishop, every other year, to children who have successfully completed religious education in the years following First Communion. This is usually in the seventh or eighth grade.

The reception of these Sacraments at these grade levels are in conjunction with our regional Catholic grade schools and those feeder parishes who support those schools.

Parents/guardians of candidates preparing to receive a sacrament are required to attend workshops and/or meetings to help them in preparing their child to receive the sacraments. The dates and times of these meetings/workshops are announced at the **All-Sacrament Meeting held in October**, published on the website, on the calendar in the vestibules of church and in the parish Bulletin.