

First & Last Name: _____ Date: _____

Reconciliation Service

Prepare at Home; Confess at Church

This session is designed to help you to prepare your heart to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a 2 step process:

Step #1) Watch the videos and work through these pages.

Step #2) Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a priest.

You can either: * Go to St. Jude Church on a Saturday at 3:30 pm OR

*** Make a private appointment with a priest by calling 815-485-8049**

Step #2) EMAIL a picture of these pages to ESullivan@stjudes.org by 9/2/20.



Consider this: if a very special guest was coming to stay at your house, you'd tidy your room, do the dishes, and clean up the house, right? In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit is going to COME INTO YOUR HEART in a very special way! You've got to clean out the sin, bad attitudes, & poor choices to make room for His grace!

SIN HURTS & SEPARATES US!!! When we make bad choices and choose to do stuff we're not supposed to do OR we DON'T do the good stuff we are supposed to do, we hurt ourselves, others, and our relationship with God!
Reconciliation HEALS & REUNITES US with God, others, and our truest self.

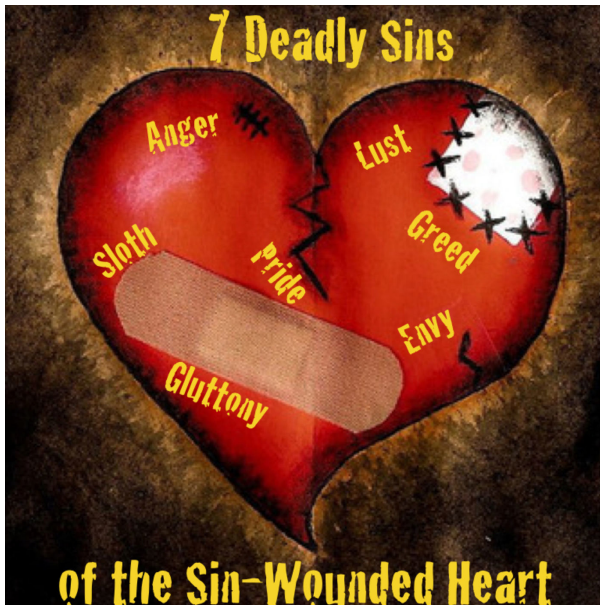
1. Watch the Lump Video from Numa

- ✓ You can either click this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WC-70-Otk8> or search for "Numa Lump" on Youtube. This video is 10 minutes long.
- ✓ Read this Scripture passage from Romans 8:38-39:
 - ❖ Even though SIN separates us from God and hurts our relationship with Him, does he LOVE US ANY LESS when we sin? _____

Read this line from the Our Father Prayer out loud: "Forgive us our trespasses (sins) as we forgive those who trespass against (hurt) us." Jesus is telling us how important it is that we be forgiving of others—or, we will not be granted forgiveness!

2. Listen to this parable from Matthew 18:21-35 .

- ✓ Click this link: <https://vimeo.com/447949012> This video is 3 minutes long.
- ✓ Consider: Was the king right in putting his unforgiving servant in jail? How do you see yourself in this story... is there someone who you have a hard time forgiving? If so, ask Jesus to help you!!!



Before you participate in the Sacrament of Confession, you've got to take some time to reflect on what you have done (or what you haven't done)... think about your sins. Here's a little information on sin to help you identify your own. Sins come in two basic types: **MORTAL** sins that threaten your immortal soul and **VENIAL** sins, which are less serious breaches of God's love. If you commit a mortal sin, without seeking healing in the sacrament, you forfeit heaven and opt for hell by your own free will through actions and choices you make. There are 3 conditions are necessary for mortal sin to exist:

1. It's a sin that violates of the one of 7 deadly sins or the 10 Commandments.
2. Know that doing it is **WRONG**
3. Knowing it is wrong and doing it anyway

2. **Prayerfully reflect during this video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbjlMhMUIrA>

✓ Don't just watch this video!!! Use it as a guide to consider what sins you need to confess! Tell all of your struggles to Jesus (through the priest) so that the Holy Spirit can strengthen you to avoid sin in the future.

✓ You can even write them down if you want to; let that guide your prayers to God asking for mercy, strength, and self-control every day!

3. **Write the date or your Confession with a priest:** _____.

4. **If you are nervous about talking with a priest or are not sure what to do, watch these "how to" videos from Busted Halo on Confession:**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjVck3euhWY&feature=youtu.be>
- <https://bustedhalo.com/video/confession-101-part-two>

When you've completed, please sign and email a picture or scan of these pages to ESullivan@stjudes.org (no later than September 2, 2020).

Candidate Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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