# PARENT EXPECTATIONS
# FOR
# ST. PIUS X FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAM

Attend two parent/child meetings: February 7, 2010 9:30-10:30 a.m.
March 7, 2010 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Complete lessons from **Celebrating Our Faith: Eucharist** at home with your child. Books provided. If additional help is needed, please contact Nancy Greenwell at the Parish Office: 684-4745. Read together the chapters in the home study book and assist your child in completing the activities in the child's booklet. **Please do not write in the home study book.** Return the home study book, child's booklet, and parent folder at the prayer retreat, April 17th.

Bring your child to the prayer retreat, April 17th. Parents/Guardians are also asked to participate with your child.

Please attend Mass on Sundays with your child. Attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation is a Precept of the Catholic Church. If children are not attending Mass every Sunday and on holy days, children become confused when taught this precept in religion class.

It is very important that your child attends regularly the Families in Faith religious education program on Sundays or is enrolled in Catholic School.

Parents are the first and primary teachers of their children in the faith. Please use the parent guide prepared for you to assist you in your ministry of preparing your child at home for First Eucharist. Please be a witness to your child by discussing your feelings concerning receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. You–with your experience, your faith, your commitment–are the best gifts you bring to sacramental preparation. No program or book can take the place of a parent's personal witness.

During this preparation time please focus on praying with your child.

Review the procedure of receiving Holy Communion with your child. Steps are provided in the parent guide.

Assist your child in making a First Eucharist banner. A banner kit will be provided and handed out at the March 7th meeting. The banners will hang in the Church during the first two weeks of May.

Please read the parent supplemental handouts provided during this preparation process.