

ST. MICHAEL PARISH

First Penance and First Communion 2012/2013 Schedule

PARENTS MEETINGS

First Penance and First Communion parents are required to attend two (2) parents meeting during the year as follows:

First Penance Parent Meeting: (choose one only):

Monday	October 22	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	(parish center ground floor meeting room)
Thursday	October 25	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	(parish center ground floor meeting room)

First Communion Parent Meeting (choose one only):

Sunday	February 3	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	(parish center ground floor meeting room)
Thursday	February 7	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	(parish center ground floor meeting room)

FIRST PENANCE - Saturday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. (upper church)

Each second grade class will be assigned a time for First Penance, either the 11:00 a.m. or the 1:00 p.m. service, however, parents may switch times to convenience busy family schedules. The schedule will be given to parents at the meetings in October.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday morning classes: Saturday, March 2 at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday afternoon classes: Tuesday, March 5 at 5:30 pm (during class time)

Children who made their First Penance in November are encouraged to go to confession again during Lent. Penance can be celebrated at any time and it is important to teach the children that frequent reception of this sacrament is necessary for their spiritual health.

Parents should bring the children directly to the upper church on Saturday, March 2nd. Tuesday classes should go to their classrooms on March 5th to be brought to the church by the catechists after attendance is taken.

Children who attend Sunday morning classes and who attend the March 2nd Penance Service will be excused from class on Sunday, March 3rd.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT: (ground floor meeting room in the parish center)

Saturdays, April 6th, 13th or 20th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. (ends with the 4:00 p.m. Mass)

All First Communion children are required to attend **one** day of retreat. This special day is filled with activities, games, lessons on how to receive the host and more.

FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSALS:

Saturday	April 27	11:00 a.m. - 12 noon	all First Communion classes
Wednesday	May 1	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	May 4 th group
Thursday	May 2	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	May 5 th group
Tuesday	May 7	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	May 11 th group
Friday	May 10	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	May 12 th group

Children are required to attend **both** rehearsals. Please plan your schedule in advance to insure their participation on both days.

FIRST COMMUNION: - **Saturday, May 4th at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, May 5th at 1:00 p.m.,**

Saturday, May 11th at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, May 12th at 9:00 a.m.

Each class will be assigned a date for First Communion on either May 4th, 5th or 11th, depending on class size (once we know our exact numbers.) Families who would like to celebrate First Communion on Mother's Day, May 12th may request that date. However, since we are celebrating First Communion at a parish Mass, we must limit the number of First Communicants to the first 14 children who request Mother's Day. Assigned dates will be announced at the First Penance parent meetings in October. Families may change the date if needed to accommodate family schedules.