



14 October 2020

Dear Parents of 2nd Grade St. Michael Faith Formation and St. Michael School Children,

Your child is at an age of readiness to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and experience his/her First Confession;

St. Michael Catholic Church warmly welcomes you ...

When your child was baptized, you made a promise to raise and nurture him or her in our Catholic faith;

God is with you now as you take another step in fulfilling that promise ...

This is no time to panic! You've been preparing your child for the reception of the sacraments for years! This journey, undertaken in love, began the moment your child came into this world...

From birth, your child has been learning what is important to you: the rights and wrongs, the rules and guidelines, the place of God in your family's life! As partners in the formal preparation (of your child) for First Reconciliation, we INVITE (and THANK YOU for) your participation.

There's no place like HOME (to begin)

THE MOST IMPORTANT TOOL in preparing your child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is *your own experience* with the sacrament and *your relationship* with your child! St. Michael Faith Formation children and St. Michael School children (along with you, the parents) will also be using the program/textbook entitled:

Blessed FIRST RECONCILIATION

Published through Dynamic Catholic, the Blessed First Reconciliation preparation program meets children where they are at, and leads them step-by-step, to where God is calling them to be! It is perfect for busy parents; designed to fit easily into your full and ever~changing schedule.

RECONCILIATION Parent *and* Child WORKSHOP: VIRTUAL or LIVE (ONSITE)

As part of the formal preparation process, we ask a parent and child to participate in our VIRTUAL or ONSITE WORKSHOP that will be hosted at St. Michael Catholic Church. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, November 21, 2020. You will have two opportunities to participate ONSITE: 11:00 A.M. ~ 12:00 NOON or 1:00 P.M. ~ 2:00 P.M. The workshop will also be LIVE~STREAMED and POSTED on the St. Michael Catholic Church website.

*All children are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(for the first time) on*

*Friday evening, December 4, between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.  
The sacrament will be celebrated in a traditional "Come and Go" form ...  
More details to follow in November!*



### Baptism Information:

In order to receive the sacraments of the Catholic Church, your child needs to be baptized Catholic or prepared through the Rite of Christian Initiation INTO the Catholic Church!

#### **FIRST THINGS FIRST:**

**We need to know ASAP, please,** if your child is **NOT baptized,**  
or **NOT baptized CATHOLIC;** See CONTACT INFO below:

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**And also, Cc your child's teacher:**

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Throughout the 2020/2021 Faith Formation and School year registration process, we have received copies of baptism certificates (through TADS) and/or been able to verify baptism at St. Michael Catholic Church! Staff from the **Faith Formation** or **School** Office **will contact you** if we need a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

We are grateful for the gift of our Catholic faith,  
which has brought your child to this moment!

May God richly bless you with an extra measure of amazing grace ~  
as you continue to fulfill the promises you made at your child's baptism!

Have a grateful day!

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