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Sacramental Preparation

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am writing to you as pastor of St Michael's Church to share good news for your child and family. With the support and engagement of you as parents, the Church and Catholic School Community, I look forward to assisting your child to prepare to receive the **Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist**.



First Holy Communion

All of the Catholic parishes in the Diocese work closely with the school communities. The Catholic schools provide Religious and Family Life Education for your child and the parishes provide the **Sacramental Preparation Program** for your child. The Sacramental Preparation Program will be offered at the parishes.

There will be a **Parent & Child Information Night** to further explain the Sacramental Preparation Program and how you can continue to support your child's faith development. This Parent and child Information night will be **held in the Church on Tuesday, September 18th at 6:00 pm OR Saturday, September 22nd at 9:30 am.** *You need to only attend one.*

Additionally, there are four sessions for to prepare for First Reconciliation and there are three sessions and a retreat for to prepare for First Eucharist. Dates for these sessions can be found in the chart below to support your family's schedule planning.

SESSION	DATE	
	Tuesdays 6:00pm-7:30pm	Saturdays 9:30am – 11:00 am
Parent & Child Information Night (in Church)	Sept. 18	Sept. 22
Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 1	Oct. 16	Oct 20
Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 2	Nov. 13	Nov 17
Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 3	Dec. 11	Dec 15
Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 4	Jan 15	Jan 19
Sacrament of Reconciliation *special date	Feb 5	Feb 9
Sacrament of Eucharist Session 1	Feb 19	Feb 23
Sacrament of Eucharist Session 2	March 19	March 23
Sacrament of Eucharist Session 3	April 23	April 27
Retreat: Sacrament of Eucharist	Saturday, May 4 9:30 am – 1:00 pm	
Sacrament of Eucharist * special date	TBD Sunday at 11:00 am	

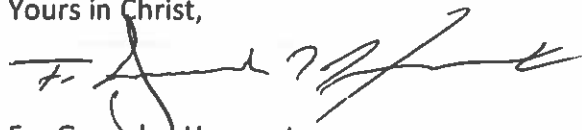
There is a fee of \$25 for each Sacramental Preparation Program totaling \$50 over the year to help offset the cost of the materials. Your child will receive two books, *Celebrate and Remember Reconciliation* and *Celebrate and Remember Eucharist*.

As Pastor, I am responsible in collaborating with the Bishop in following Canon Law and Diocesan Policies to ensure that all the requirements are completed in preparation for the celebration of these sacraments for your child. ***If your child has not been baptized yet, or is interested in becoming Catholic, please feel welcome to contact me or the at your earliest convenience.*** The parish offices are open during the summer months and I look forward to meeting you.

St. Michael's parish is looking forward to supporting your child in prayer as they prepare to receive the sacraments and celebrating this time of God's grace with your child and your family. If you or family member, who is older than grade 2, are interested in receiving these sacraments. or in becoming Catholic, please contact the office.

I take this opportunity to assure you of my prayers and a very warm welcome at St. Michael's.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fr. Gerardus Hauwert', written over a horizontal line.

Fr. Gerardus Hauwert
Pastor