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Dear Parents:

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

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 Information Night to further explain the Sacramental Preparation Program and how you can continue to support your child's faith development. This Parent Information night will be held in the Church on: **Saturday, September 19th at 9:30am** OR **Tuesday, September 16th at 6:00pm**
You need to only attend one.

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

SESSION	PARISH DATE	
	Tuesdays 6:00pm-7:30pm	Saturdays 9:30am – 11:00 am
Parent Information Night	Sept. 19 th	Sept. 16 th
Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 1	Oct. 17 th	Oct 21 st
Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 2	Nov. 14 th	Nov 11 th
Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 3 * Note change – 2 nd Tuesday / Saturday of the month. To accommodate for various Christmas events	Dec. 12 th *	Dec 9 th *
Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 4	Jan 16 th	Jan 20 th
Sacrament of Reconciliation **special date	Feb 6 th **	Feb 10 ^{th**}
Sacrament of Eucharist Session 1	Feb 20 th	Feb 24 th
Sacrament of Eucharist Session 2	March 20 th	March 17 th
Sacrament of Eucharist Session 3	April 24 th	April 21 th
Sacrament of Eucharist Retreat	April 28 9:30 – 1pm	


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 at your earliest convenience. The parish office is 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 parish.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Gerardus Hauwert
Pastor

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