

ST. MICHAEL PARISH

First Penance and First Communion 2010/2011 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):

Sunday	November 14	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	(school gym)
Monday	November 15	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	(parish center meeting room)
Wednesday	November 17	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	(parish center meeting room)

First Communion Parent Meeting (choose one only):

Sunday	February 6	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	(school gym)
Monday	February 7	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	(parish center meeting room)
Wednesday	February 9	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	(parish center meeting room)

FIRST PENANCE - Saturday, November 20 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 sent home in mid October.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday morning classes: Saturday, March 26 at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday afternoon classes: Tuesday, March 29 at 5:00 pm (during class time)

Children who made their First Penance in December 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 26th. Tuesday classes should go to their classrooms on March 29th to be brought to the church by the catechists after attendance is taken.

Children who attend Sunday morning classes and who attend the March 26th Penance Service will be excused from class on Sunday, March 27th.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT: (high school gym)

Saturday, March 5 from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. (ends with the 4:00 p.m. Mass)

or Sunday, March 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (begins at the 9:00 a.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. Lunch, including pizza, soda and a snack is provided.

FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSALS:

Saturday	April 16	11:00 a.m. - 12 noon	all First Communion classes
Thursday	April 28	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	May 1 group
Thursday	May 5	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	May 7 group
Thursday	May 12	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	May 15 group
Thursday	May 19	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	May 21 group

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

FIRST COMMUNION: - Sundays, May 1st and 15 at 1:00 p.m. and Saturdays, May 7th and 21st at 11:00 a.m.

Each class will be assigned a date for First Communion, depending on class size (once we know our exact numbers.) Assigned dates will be announced at the First Penance parent meetings in November. Families may change the date if needed to accommodate family schedules.