

St. Michael Parish
First Reconciliation Information

November 30, 2011

Dear Parents of Second Graders,

As you know, this year your child is preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Sacrament preparation is not just a matter of knowledge or memorization of facts. The celebration of any sacrament requires a commitment by the child and by the child's parents or guardians. As the National Catechetical Directory (#126) says, "Parents should be involved in the preparation of children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist."

In an effort to provide you and your child with an active learning experience, our "Learning Centers" were designed to give you an opportunity to spend time with your child reviewing various aspects of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each center has easy directions to follow: at one center you share with your child details of his or her baptismal day; at another center you read and discuss Bible stories, such as the Good Shepherd and Zacchaeus. The nine centers reflect the theme of reconciliation – loving and unloving choices.

Reconciliation Learning Centers have been scheduled for families registered in St. Michael Parish with children attending either Holy Cross–St. Michael Center or our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Reconciliation Learning Centers will be available in the Parish Center on the following dates and times: **Friday**, Jan. 13th, 1st session 3:30-5:00 p.m., or 2nd session 5:00-6:30, or 3rd session 7:00-8:30; or **Saturday**, Jan. 14th from 9:30 -11:00 a.m.; or **Sunday**, Jan. 15th from 10:05-11:35 a.m. (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass).

Please indicate on the yellow form your choice of sessions (1st, 2nd and 3rd preferences) and have your child return the form to his or her 2nd grade teacher or e-mail the information to me at PREP@stmichaelsc.org on or before **December 14, 2011**. I would like to have the schedule finalized and returned to you, by email if possible, no later than December 21.

Your child's First Reconciliation service will be held at St. Michael on January 30, 2012.

Please also complete and return the green form with the information we need to record the sacramental information in our parish records. If your child was baptized at St. Michael, we have the baptismal information. If your child was baptized in another parish, please contact that parish and have them forward a copy of the baptismal record to our parish office as soon as possible. The parish fax number is 239-4710.

All children planning to celebrate First Reconciliation are expected to attend the Learning Centers with an adult, preferably a parent or guardian. Also, **babysitting will not be provided** and experience has taught it is not possible to do the activities with a second grader while taking care of other children. Please make arrangements accordingly.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 239-2411 (office) or 899-0838 (cell). My e-mail is PREP@stmichaelsc.org. **PLEASE remember to return the green and yellow forms on or before Wednesday, December 14, 2011.**

Blessings to you during this Advent Season!
Janet Petersen, Religious Education Coordinator

**St. Michael Parish
First Reconciliation Learning Center**

PLEASE have your child return this form to your child's teacher at school or PREP, on or before **December 14, 2011**. If convenient, you may also email the information to Janet at PREP@stmichaelsc.org.

Name of Student _____

Names of Parents or Guardians _____

E-mail address (1) _____

E-mail address (2) _____

Phone - home _____

Phone - cell Mom: _____ Dad: _____

Circle your child's 2nd grade teacher: Mrs. Wiltgen Mrs. Davis

Mrs. Kirwan Mrs. Harder

Please indicate on the lines below your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for Learning Center dates and times:

Friday, January 13

Saturday, January 14

Sunday, January 15

___ 3:30-5:00 p.m.

___ 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

___ 10:05 a.m. - 11:35

___ 5:00-6:30 p.m.

___ 7:00-8:30 p.m.

___ I am sorry, we are unable to attend on any of the dates and times above. Please notify us of any alternate dates and times.

Questions or concerns? Please call or e-mail Janet Petersen at 239-2411 (office) or 899-0838 (cell) or PREP@stmichaelsc.org (e-mail).

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INFORMATION

To be recorded in the Parish Book

CHILD'S NAME: _____
 First Middle Last

FATHER'S FULL NAME: _____
 First Middle Initial Last

MOTHER'S FULL NAME: _____
 First Middle Initial Maiden Last

ADDRESS: _____

DATE AND PLACE OF CHILD'S BIRTH: _____
 Date City and State

DATE OF CHILD'S BAPTISM: _____
 Month Day Year

Name of Church of Baptism

City and State of Church of Baptism