

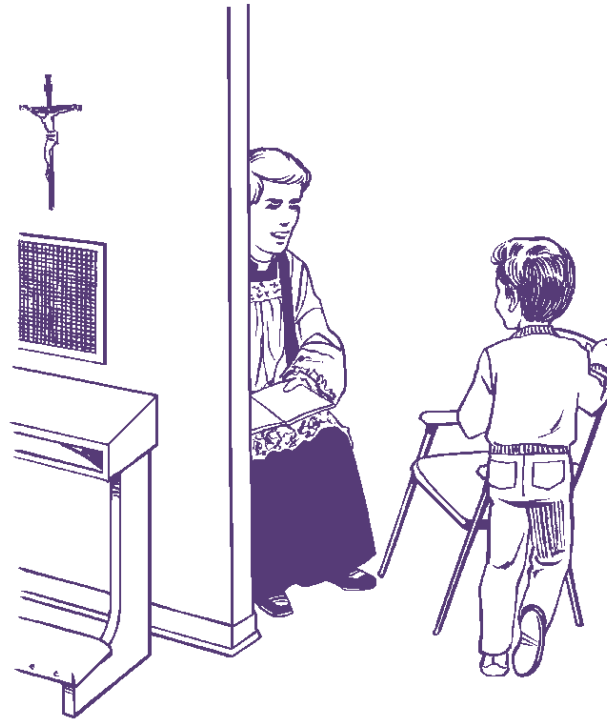
## Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism effects the remission of original sin and actual sins and of all punishment due to sin. It confers sanctifying grace, membership in Christ and in the Church and the obligation to obey the Church's laws. It leaves an indelible character on the soul.

**This sacrament may be conferred at any age.**

The baptism program for children is held every first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) prepares adults to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. It is held every Tuesday at 7.45 pm (after the Devotion to St Michael) in the Presbytery Meeting Room.



## Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as Sacrament of Confession or Penance) is the sacrament in which the priest, as the agent of God, forgives sins committed after Baptism, when the sinner has true contrition, sincerely confesses the sins and is willing to make satisfaction for them.

**Children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time from Year 2.**

***First Reconciliation:  
Wednesday, 15 November 2017 at 5 pm***

## Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the reception of Christ's Body and Blood. We believe in the real presence of Jesus, who died for our sins. The Eucharist or Holy Communion is both a sacrifice and a meal. The "source and summit of the Christian life", this sacrament confers great graces that sanctify us and help us grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ.

**Children receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time in Year 3 (after having received the Sacrament of Reconciliation previously).**

***First Holy Communion:  
Saturday, 09 September 2017 at 5 pm  
Sunday, 10 September 2017 at 10 am***



## Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation binds the baptized more perfectly to the Church, enriching them with the seven gifts (wisdom, understanding, right judgement, knowledge, courage, reverence, fear of the Lord) of the Holy Spirit. They are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the Faith by word and deed. This sacrament is conferred by a Bishop.

Children receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Year 6 (after having received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion).

**Sacrament of Confirmation:**  
**Saturday, 10 June 2017 at 2 pm**



I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day, he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the  
right hand of God, the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and  
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

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### 2017 Sacramental Program



The Sacramental Program at St Michael's covers the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

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