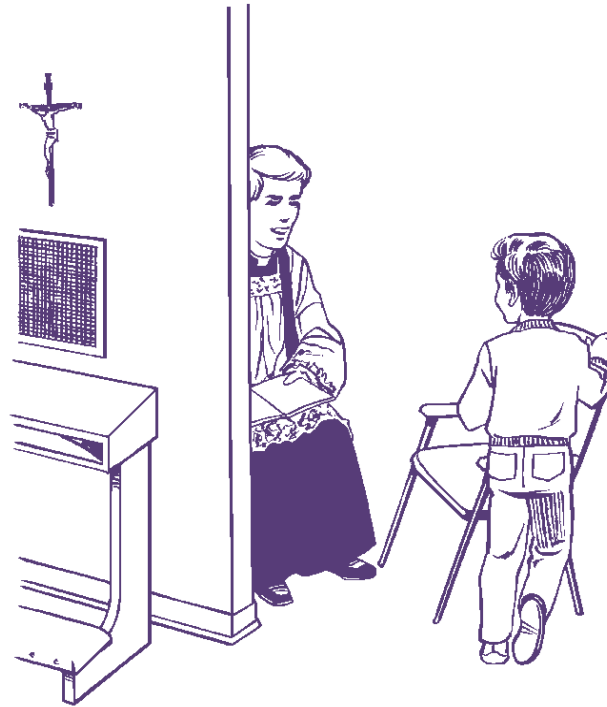


Baptism

Baptism gives the grace needed to become disciples of Jesus Christ and membership in the Church he founded. In Baptism we pass from the death of sin into new life with the risen Christ. By water and the Holy Spirit, Baptism imprints a special and permanent character on our soul. Baptism is honoured as the foundation of Christian life and may only be received once.

The baptism program for children is held every first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Old Parish Office.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) prepares adults to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. It is held every Tuesday at 8.00 pm (after the Devotion to St Michael) in the Old Parish Office from July until Easter of the following year.



Reconciliation

Sin is a deliberate decision to break away from God which causes harm to us and to others. The Sacrament of Reconciliation restores our relationship with God and with each other when it is damaged by sin. It requires us to examine our conscience, acknowledge our sins, be truly sorry for them, sincerely confess, do penance, and resolve to avoid whatever leads us to sin and not to sin again. We must avail of this Sacrament at least once a year.

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

First Reconciliation

Wednesday, 31 May 2023 at 5pm

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. A Sacrament of love and sign of Christian unity, it is a memorial of his death and resurrection and a pledge of future glory.

Children receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time in Year 3 (after having received the Sacrament of Reconciliation previously). It may be received daily thereafter but especially on Sundays.

First Holy Communion

Sunday, 27 August 2023 at 3pm



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2023 Sacramental Program



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. Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Sacrament, which may only be conferred once, fills us with the grace to follow the example of Christ and serve others.

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday, 19 November 2023 at 2pm



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.



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

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