

ST. MICHAEL AND ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC PARISHES - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENT PREPARATION
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2011-2012 REGISTRATION PROCEDURES - REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 15, 2011

- ***ALL families MUST register anew each program year** for R.E. classes, completing appropriate forms.
- *All children/youth must be officially registered in the R.E. program in order to attend classes.
- *Section preferences are filled as registrations received based on space availability and sufficient catechists.
- ***Late registrations are NOT ASSURED of assignment to a class group.**

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED ARE:

1. FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION/COMMITMENT FORM with GRADE LEVEL PROGRAM SECTION REGISTRATION (double-sided YELLOW form)
2. Gr. 8-10 Mini-Course Sign-Up (double-sided GREEN form: one student signs up per each side - additional copies available if needed for family.)
3. PARISH CATECHETICAL VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT (BLUE form)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SECTIONS FOR 2011-2012 - ALL CLASSES ARE HELD AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH IN LODI

ALL program sections are dependent upon sufficient parish catechists. Class sizes are limited; placement is on an as-registered basis.

*PK-grade 5 RE is centered around 4 components: grade level *Religious Education classes*, at-home family *Gospel Time* reflection and discussion, *parish-family activities* and *Parent Talk* gatherings. It is a parish expectation that families participate in all four of these components.

*Gr. 6-10 R.E. classes are theme or topic oriented. In addition to RE classes, youth are invited to participate in a variety of youth ministry experiences.

GRADE Pre-School 3yr olds - GR. 2: SUNDAY MORNING 9:45-11:00 a.m. - 21 class weeks

GRADE 1-4: TUESDAY AFTERNOON 3:15-4:30 pm - 21 class weeks

GRADE 3-5: WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 3:15-4:30 pm - 21 class weeks

GRADE 5-7: WEDNESDAY EARLY EVENING 6:15-7:30 pm - 14 class weeks

GRADE 8-10: WEDNESDAY EVENING: 7:00-8:30 p.m. (or as scheduled) 7 Six-week or equivalent mini-courses must be completed before entering Confirmation preparation.

GRADE 4-6: SATURDAY AFTERNOON CATHOLICS OF CHARACTER CLUB - 2:00-4:30 p.m. once a month – 8 sessions (20 hours) September thru April

GRADE 8-10: WEDNESDAY EVENING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (AP) MINI-COURSE – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. once a month from September thru April

HOME STUDY R.E. is an option for families who have difficulty attending scheduled classes or have special needs or concerns. Enrollment in Home Study requires a family conference with the Parish Catechetical Director or designee and includes the establishment of a parish-family covenant, identifying materials to be used in home study, a regular system of communication and accountability between home and parish, and a family commitment to participate in the life of the parish. Home study is not an option for the Sacrament Preparation process.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Reconciliation and the Eucharist - Grade Two children who have participated in at least *one year of prior religious education* are invited to enroll in the parish Sacrament Preparation process, which includes parent gatherings, parent-child gatherings, family conference, children's class sessions and a retreat prior to celebrating each of the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist IN ADDITION to regular RE classes.

Confirmation - High School youth must successfully complete the parish grade 8-10 mini-course requirements prior to entering the Confirmation Preparation process. This process includes a family conference, family faith sharing sessions, catechetical instruction, retreat, service and candidate-sponsor gatherings.

NOTE: Unconfirmed Catholic adults may prepare for and celebrate the sacrament through the RCIA process. For information, contact the Faith Formation Office.

PLEASE REFER TO THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ON THE REVERSE SIDE>>>>>

2011-2012 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FEE SCHEDULE - St. Michael-St. Patrick Parishes

\$50 per child; maximum fee of \$125 per St. Michael - St. Patrick parish family for ALL Preschool-Grade 10 program sections WITH additional Sacrament Preparation materials fee of \$50 per child preparing for First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion.

Confirmation 2011 fees were paid this past spring (there are no additional fees for those youth presently preparing for Confirmation)

Confirmation 2012 fees will be assessed in Spring 2012 for all youth entering the preparation process at that time.

Non-Parishioner Fee: \$100 per child for ALL program sections plus sacrament preparation materials fees

FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS:

- ❖ \$25. non-refundable DEPOSIT toward total amount due is required at time of registration (deadline is August 15)
Attach payment to registration form with CHECK PAYABLE TO: St. Patrick Parish - Memo Line: 11-12 R.E.
- ❖ ALL Fees outstanding due: **November 1, 2011** (other payment arrangements may be made with parish catechetical director.)

PLEASE RETURN WITH REGISTRATION:

*COMPLETED *FAMILY CONTACT/FAMILY COMMITMENT FORM* with *GRADE LEVEL REGISTRATION (YELLOW)* and Gr. 8-10 mini-course sign-up (GREEN) with minimum payment of non-refundable \$25 deposit toward total due.

*COMPLETED VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT FORM (BLUE) - a parish program is dependent upon the generous sharing of time and talent of its parishioners; R.E. classes cannot be held without parents willing to serve as catechists, group leaders, and assistants.

Mail or return registration materials in person to:

**St. Patrick – St. Michael Faith Formation Office
521 Fair Street - Lodi WI 53555**

Questions about the registration process may be directed to:

Mrs. Cindy Fischer, Parish Catechetical Director 592-5711 x. 3 recindy@saintpatrickinlodi.org

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: No parish family will be denied registration in the program because of financial need.

A request for waiver of fees (beyond the \$25 fee deposit due at registration) is to be submitted in writing in a confidential manner to:

Reverend Father Francisco Higuera, Parish Administrator
St. Patrick/St. Michael Parishes 521 Fair Street, Lodi WI 53555

All requests for financial assistance will be held in strict confidence.

A TENTATIVE PROGRAM CALENDAR IS INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET

*Please verify grade level sessions and program activities via our weekly parish bulletin/parish website throughout the program year as circumstances, conflicts, special school activities and other parish needs not known when this calendar was developed may require a change in scheduled classes and events.

Saint Michael and Saint Patrick Faith Formation Program - Office: 521 Fair Street, Lodi, Wisconsin 53555 Phone: (608) 592-5711x 3

2011-2012 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Family Name: _____ Mother _____ Father _____

Registered Parish Members at: St. Patrick St. Michael Other Parish: _____

Mailing Address (where child(ren) reside): _____
Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Other phone numbers we may call should we need to contact parent: Mother: Cell _____ Work: _____ Father: Cell _____ Work _____

Family e-mail address: _____ Day-time email: _____

DIRECT NOTICE of class cancellation/child emergency is to(check all preferred): home phone mother's cell or work father's cell or work family email or day-time email:

Please complete name/address information for parent who does not live at the above address:

Mother Father Name: _____ Address: _____
Does this parent want to also receive program mailings? Yes No City _____ Zip _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency Contact (Other than parent):

Name _____ Relationship to Child: _____
Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____
Clinic/Hospital Preference _____ City: _____ Phone: _____
Health Insurance Carrier _____

Medical Liability Release Statement: In the event that neither parent nor emergency contact can be reached, I give permission for an adult member of Saint Patrick staff/volunteer corps to administer necessary first aid and/or transport my child(ren) by ambulance if necessary to the above named clinic or associated hospital for medical care and treatment as deemed appropriate. I will not hold St. Patrick nor St. Michael Parish, the Diocese of Madison or any staff/volunteers liable for any injuries my child(ren) may incur while participating in this supervised program.

Photography Consent Statement: I give permission that photographs of me and/or my children may be used to publicize program activities on the parish web site, in newsletters and hallway displays, and in local and diocesan newspapers. I understand that with electronic publishing, whenever possible, names will not be included with photographs as a safety precaution.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ Date: ___/___/___

FAMILY COMMITMENT FOR 2011-2012 PROGRAM - Please select ONE of the following program support options:

As parents, we will provide support for our parish religious education program for the 2011-2012 program year by:

___ serving as a catechist/teacher in the program **OR** ___ as a program-assistant (non-teaching) volunteer. Please complete/return the Volunteer Commitment form in this packet.

___ providing snacks (50 servings of snack & beverage 2x a year) for morning or afternoon classes (when a snack is regularly served). A snack sign-up will be posted in September.

___ donating program supplies (copier paper, construction paper, crayons, markers, glue, poster board, kleenex, paper towels, etc). A supply list will be post in August.

___ making a financial contribution to the program beyond payment of RE fees (\$100 **suggested** donation in lieu of sharing time, talent, supplies)

-----Section Below For R.E. Office Use Only-----

Parish ID: _____ Date of Registration ___/___/___ Total Fee Assessed: _____ Paid with Registration: _____ Check No. _____ Initial: _____ Balance Due: _____ Payment 2: _____ Check No. _____ Date Pd. _____ Initial: _____
Waiver of Fee Approval: _____ Date: _____ Volunteer Form Returned: _____ Program Support Donation Received: _____

2011-2012 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: PK-GRADE 11 Family Last Name: _____

PRINT child's name and requested information on appropriate 2011-2012 grade line; specify the program section you prefer (section enrollment is limited and dependent upon securing appropriate catechists).
 RE FEES: \$50 per child (\$125 max/family) for **all** grade levels and **all** program sections with ADDITIONAL **Sacrament Preparation Materials Fee: \$50 per Gr. 2 child (1st Recon/1st Eucharist)/**
 THERE ARE NO FEES TO BE PAID FOR THOSE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WHO ARE PREPARING TO BE CONFIRMED IN THE FALL OF 2011 - please do complete and return this form.
 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FEES for those entering the process in January of 2012 will be assessed the fee at that time.

Please indicate class section you prefer child to attend by placing an "X" in the section code box for the appropriate grade level of child.

GRADE LEVEL For the 2011-2012 school year		CHILD'S NAME Print child's name on appropriate grade level line below	Gender Male Female	Birth date Mo/Day/Yr	School child attends	SPECIAL CONCERNS Physical, emotional or learning limitations or special needs PLEASE LIST ALL ALLERGIES or Pertinent Health Conditions --Note any requests for class placement
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Section Codes:	S U N	T U E S	W E D A Y	W E D E S D A Y	W E D E S D A Y	C O N F I R M A T I O N	H O M E S T U D Y	SUN - Sunday Classes Presch-Gr. 2 - 9:45-11:00 a.m.	WDAY - Wednesday After School Classes Grades 3-5 - 3:15-4:30 p.m.	CCC - 1x month Saturday Afternoon Club Grades 4-6, 2:00-4:30 p.m.
								TUE - Tuesday After School Classes Grades 1-4- 3:15-4:30 p.m.	WEV6 - Wednesday Early Evening Classes Grades 5-7 - 6:15-7:30 p.m.	WEV7 - Wednesday Evening Classes** Grades 8-11 RE - 7:00-8:30 p.m. Confirmation Prep CP 7-8:30 p.m.
PRE-SCH 3-4 Yr.old									Must be Age 3 by 09-01-11	
PRE-SCH 4-5 Yr.old									Must be Age 4 by 09-01-11	
KNDG										
Gr. 1										
Gr. 2										
Gr. 3										
Gr. 4										
Gr. 5										
Gr. 6										
Gr. 7										
										Sept - Oct Nov - Dec Chk appropriate 6-wk mini- course section (1 or both)
Gr. 8										
Gr. 9										
Gr. 10										
Gr. 11										

Note below the name of any PS-Gr. 11 child who needs to prepare for Baptism and/or any Gr. 3-11 child who needs to prepare for Sacraments of Reconciliation and The Holy Eucharist

Name: _____ Gr. __ Sacrament Preparation for __Baptism __Reconciliation __Holy Eucharist __Confirmation

Name: _____ Gr. __ Sacrament Preparation for __Baptism __Reconciliation __Holy Eucharist __Confirmation

****GRADE 8-11 MINI-COURSES - PLEASE COMPLETE GRADE 8-11 Mini-course sign-up** for class selection for the FALL 2011 section of classes included in this packet..

RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM with Completed Family Contact and Commitment Form on REVERSE side, with Program Volunteer Form, and as appropriate Gr. 8-10 Mini-Course Sign-Up AND PAYMENT BY AUGUST 15, 2011 TO: St. Patrick – St. Michael Faith Formation Office, 521 Fair Street, Lodi WI 53555

**St. Patrick/St. Michael Parishes – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / YOUTH MINISTRY
PARISH CATECHETICAL VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT FORM**

We look to *all* parishioners to support and be involved in the evangelical and catechetical mission of the church -- to lead others to Christ, formed and informed in the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Faith. **It is a parish expectation that parents of registered children and youth contribute to the support of the program beyond the payment of religious education fees.** Programming cannot be offered without the presence of caring, committed and capable adults serving as catechists, room assistants and in other support capacities. Without sufficient catechists, we simply cannot offer religious education classes! Please review the opportunities below and return this form with your registration for the coming program year. Parents who do not return the form will be contacted to discuss program support opportunities and needs.

NOTE: All who serve in programs with children and minors must have a background check completed through the Diocese of Madison, attend a Protecting God's Children Awareness Session, and meet other parish and diocesan policies and guidelines, which includes catechist formation workshops and training sessions.

RETURN THIS FORM BY AUGUST 15, 2011 TO: Faith Formation Office, 521 Fair Street, Lodi WI 53555

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 ___Adult ___Youth (Gr. 9-12) Parish Member: ___St. Michael ___St. Patrick ___Other: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Preferred Phone ___H ___C ___W Best Time to Call: _____

Mailing Address: Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Preferred E-mail: _____

Please be specific to program section and capacity in which you will volunteer –All catechists (teachers) and assistants are to arrive at least 10 minutes before the beginning of classes.

___ **SUNDAY MORNING - CLASS TIME: 9:45-11:00 A.M. (PS-GR. 2)** Grade: ___PS: 3/4 Yr. Olds ___PS: 4/5 Yr Olds ___Kndgt. ___GR. 1 ___GR. 2
 Capacity: ___Teacher ___Room Assistant FOR: ___Oct.-Dec. ___January-May ___Entire Program Year

___ **TUESDAY AFTERNOON - CLASS TIME: 3:15-4:30 P.M. (GR. 1-4)** GRADE: ___GR. 1 ___GR. 2 ___GR. 3 ___GR. 4
 Capacity: ___Teacher ___Room Assistant FOR: ___Oct.-Dec. ___January-May ___Entire Program Year

___ **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON - CLASS TIME: 3:15-4:30 P.M. (GR. 3-5)** GRADE: ___Gr. 3 ___Gr. 4 ___Gr. 5
 Capacity: ___Teacher ___Room Assistant FOR: ___Oct.-Dec. ___January-May ___Entire Program Year

___ **WEDNESDAY EARLY EVENING - CLASS TIME: 6:15-7:30 P.M. (GR. 5-7)** GRADE: ___Gr. 5 ___Gr. 6 ___Gr. 7
 Capacity: ___Teacher ___Room Assistant FOR: ___Oct.-Dec. ___January-May ___Entire Program Year

___ **WEDNESDAY EVENING - CLASS TIME: 7:00-8:30 P.M. (GR. 8-11 AND CONFIRMATION PREPARATION)**
 ___Gr. 8-10 Mini-Course Teacher ___Room Assistant FOR ___Sept.-Oct. ___Nov.-Dec. ___Jan.-Feb. ___Mar.-Apr.
Preference For General Topic: ___CREED ___MORALITY ___THEOLOGY OF THE BODY ___ Elective
 ___Confirmation Preparation Catechist OR ___Table-Leader FOR: ___Fall 2011 (Gr. 11) ___Spring 2012 (Gr. 10)

___ **SATURDAY AFTERNOON - CATHOLICS OF CHARACTER CLUB (2:00-4:30 P.M. ONCE A MONTH - GR. 4-6)**
 Capacity: ___Facilitator ___Group Assistant FOR: ___September-December ___January-April ___Entire Program Year

___ PROGRAM SUPPORT: ___PARKING LOT/ Grounds ___Hall Monitor ___Office/Attendance Assistant ___Childcare (at St. Patrick's) ___Fall 2011 ___Spring 2012
 please also indicate program section above

___ **Contact me about opportunities to serve in:** ___Youth Ministry Activities ___adult faith formation ___R.C.I.A. (Christian Initiation process for non-catholics)

ST. MICHAEL-ST. PATRICK PARISHES: GR. 8-10 R. E. **FALL 2011 MINI-COURSE SIGN-UP**

FAMILY NAME: _____

***REQUIRED CORE COURSES** - these Three mini-courses must be successfully completed prior to entering the Confirmation Preparation Process:

1. Creed 3. Christian Morality 4. Theology of the Body AND FOUR elective credits

*Priority is given to grade 10 youth in signing up for CORE courses in the FALL term so that they can complete any remaining requirements in a timely fashion. Based on catechist availability, CORE COURSES may also be offered in the SPRING of 2011.

- Fall 2011 Electives:**
- A. The New Roman Missal (September-October)
 - B. The Book of Revelation (November-December)
 - C. Youth Mentor: Parish *Catholics of Character Club* - 1x month Saturday Sept.-Dec. 2:30-4:30 p.m. 4 mtgs (circle D-CC on sign-up form below)
 - D. Catechist/Room Assistant: Parish Preschool-Gr. 1 Religious Education Class, Sunday Morning, Oct.-Dec, 9:45-11:00 a.m. (8 classes)
 - E. St. John Bosco Youth Day, Holy Hill - Hubertus, WI - Saturday, October 2 (may be additional fees to cover transportation)
 - F. Youth 2000 Retreat, Bishop O'Connor Catholic Center - Madison, WI - Nov. 5-7 (may be additional fees to cover cost/transportation)
 - G. rEVOLution of Love Workshops: Parent and Youth must attend together. (Morality Credit) Sunday Evening Nov. 6, Jan. 29, April 15
 - H. Preapproved Community Service with written report – See Mrs. Koresh

Spring 2012 Mini-Courses - A list of elective courses, along with CORE COURSES to be offered in the Spring of 2012, will be sent to all families with grade 8-10 youth registered in the Faith Formation Program for 2011-2012 by December 1, 2011. Sign-up for Spring courses will be completed by January 1, 2012.

FALL 2011 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (Grade 11) - Youth who entered the Sacrament preparation process in January of 2011 continue with the summer apprentice period, meeting with their sponsors. A retreat and **WEDNESDAY Evening** preparation sessions resuming in September of 2011 conclude the preparation process.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR FALL 2012 - Youth who complete all requirements by December 31, 2011 are invited to enter the 2012 Confirmation Preparation process, with class sessions on WEDNESDAY evenings beginning in January, 2011, leading to the celebration of the sacrament in the Fall of 2012.

Mini-Course SIGN-UP: FALL 2011 - classes are limited in size and filled as youth register; classes are dependent upon securing appropriate catechists.

NAME: _____	GRADE: <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11	<i>Use this double-sided sign-up form for TWO different youth in your family. Additional copies available at all church entrances</i>
Mini-courses completed thus far:	September – October	November - December
	<input type="checkbox"/> Creed (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Creed (1)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Morality (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Morality (3)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Theology of the Body (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Theology of the Body (4)
	<input type="checkbox"/> The New Roman Missal (A)	<input type="checkbox"/> The Book of Revelation (B)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Social Teaching (AP) One Wednesday per month, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> St. John Bosco Youth Day (E) - at Holy Hill, Saturday, October 2	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth 2000, November 4-6 (F) - additional registration fee required	
	<input type="checkbox"/> rEVOLution of Love Workshops (G) - Nov. 6, Jan 29, April 15	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: See Mrs. Koresh <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> H	

Saint Patrick-Saint Michael Faith Formation Program - 2011-2012 Preschool-Grade 10 Religious Education Classes

Class dates listed below are tentative. A program calendar will be available by September 1st.

PRESCHOOL-GRADE 5

Mrs. Cindy Fischer, Program Coordinator - 592-5711 x. 3 recindy@saintpatrickinlodi.org

Preschool-Grade 2: Sunday Morning, 9:45-11:00 a.m.

BEGINS October 9, 16, 23; Nov. 6, 13, 20; Dec. 4, 11, 18; Jan. 15, 22, 29; Feb. 12, 19, 26; March 11, 18, 25; April 15, 22; May 6

Grade 1-4: Tuesday After-School, 3:15-4:30 p.m.

BEGINS October 4, 11, 18; Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29; Dec. 6, 13; Jan. 10, 17, 24; Feb. 7, 14, 21; March 6, 13, 20; April 10, 17; May 1

Grade 3-5: Wednesday After-School, 3:15-4:30 p.m.

BEGINS October 5, 12, 19; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30; Dec. 7, 14; Jan. 11, 18, 25; Feb. 8, 15, 22; March 7, 14, 21; April 11, 18; May 2

PS-Grade 4 Sunday Morning and After-School programs are centered on the Sunday Scripture readings with doctrinal content rooted in the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Creed, Liturgy and Sacrament, Christian Living, Prayer). Gr. 5 focus is on the stories and people of the Old Testament. It is a parish expectation that parents provide regular opportunities for children to participate in Mass, receive the sacraments as appropriate, be part of the life of the faith community and be nurtured in their faith through at home discussion, prayer, scripture and service.

NOTE: Grade Two consists of regular attendance in the Sunday or Tuesday program AND enrollment and participation in a family-based immediate preparation process that includes adult faith formation, parent-child conference, learning sessions, family gatherings and a retreat for each of the sacraments - Reconciliation and Eucharist. Refer to the reverse side for more information.

Grade 5: Wednesday Evening, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Focus: people and events of the Old Testament. (class dates coincide with gr. 6-7 R.E.)

Class dates: Oct. 5, 12; Nov. 9, 16; Dec. 7, 14; Jan. 11, 18; Feb. 8, 15; Mar. 7, 14; Apr. 11, 18

Grade 4-6: Catholics of Character Club, Saturday Afternoon, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Monthly Meetings: Saturday, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17, January 21, February 18, March 17, April 21
CCC focuses on the liturgy, the lives of the saints, the social teaching of the Catholic Church, and a monthly service activity, with doctrinal content rooted in the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Creed, Liturgy and Sacrament, Christian Living, Prayer).

Parish-Family Activity Days:

All Saints: Oct. 29-30 Advent Fair: Nov. 26-27 Epiphany Party: Jan. 7-8 Mardi Gras: Feb. 21 Pentecost Party: May 26-27

These special days, intended for ALL members of the parish, focus on the liturgical year, provide an opportunity for whole community catechesis; building relationships while strengthening the domestic church, the faith-filled home. It is a parish expectation that families registered in the Faith Formation process will participate in at least three of these five parish wide events.

PARENT TALK - While parents are an integral part of the sacrament preparation process within our faith community, it is also an expectation that ALL parents are nurturing their faith through regular attendance at mass, reception of the sacraments, personal prayer, scripture reading and reflection, Christian service, and adult faith formation. **PARENT TALK** is a faith sharing experience intended to provide an opportunity for parents with children, Preschool-grade 5 to discuss faith matters of interest and concern. It is a parish expectation that all parents with children PK-Gr. 5 will attend at least ONE of these sessions during the course of the program year.

2011-2012 Sessions: Tuesday, 10:15-11:15 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. September 6 November 1 January 3 March 6

Other opportunities for adult faith formation are offered throughout the year as publicized in the bulletin.

St. Michael-St. Patrick Faith Formation

GRADE TWO SACRAMENT PREPARATION - First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2012

NOTE: Second graders, in addition to attending regular religious education classes, are invited to enroll and participate in a family-based immediate preparation process that includes adult faith formation, parent-child conference, learning sessions, and a retreat for each of the sacraments -- Reconciliation and Eucharist.

First Reconciliation - Preparation Process *(required activities in addition to regular gr. 2 classes noted on RE calendar)*

**when two different dates/times are listed, please register for a particular session with the Faith Formation Office (Mrs. Fischer) ONE WEEK prior to the session, by phone or email. A sign-up sheet will also be posted on the Faith Formation bulletin board.*

Parent Gathering: Tuesday, November 8 (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

Children's Session: Tuesday, November 22 OR Wednesday, November 23 (3:15-4:30 p.m.)

Children's Session: Tuesday, January 3 OR Wednesday, January 4 (3:15-4:30 p.m.)

Parent-Child Session: Saturday, January 28 (3:30-4:30 p.m.) OR Sunday, January 29 (8:45-9:45 a.m.)

Children's Session: Tuesday, January 31 (3:15-4:30 p.m.) OR Wednesday, February 1 (3:15-4:30 p.m.)

Parent-Child Retreat: Friday, February 17, 3:15-4:30 p.m. or Saturday, February 18, 9:30-10:45 a.m.

**parent-child asked to read, discuss and complete particular sections of the preparation book at home.*

**during month of November, individual family conference with Mrs. Fischer - available conference times will be communicated at November parent gathering.*

CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION: Friday, February 17, 4:45 p.m. or Saturday, Feb. 18, 11:00 a.m.

First Holy Communion - Preparation Process *(required activities in addition to regular gr. 2 classes noted on RE calendar)*

**when two different dates/times are listed, please register for a particular session with the Faith Formation Office (Mrs. Fischer) ONE WEEK prior to the session, by phone or email. A sign-up sheet will also be posted on the Faith Formation bulletin board.*

Parent Gathering: Tuesday, February 7 (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

Children's Session: Tuesday, February 28 OR Wednesday, February 29 (3:15-4:30 p.m.)

Parent-Child Session: Saturday, March 3 (3:30-4:30 p.m.) OR Sunday, March 4 (8:45-9:45 a.m.)

Children's Session: Tuesday, March 27 OR Wednesday, March 28 (3:15-4:30 p.m.)

Parent-Child Session: Saturday, April 14 (3:30-4:30 p.m.) OR Sunday, April 15 (8:45-9:45 a.m.)

Children's Retreat: Wednesday, April 25 (3:15-5:00 p.m.) followed by Rehearsal with parent (5:00-5:30 p.m.)

**parent-child asked to read, discuss and complete particular sections of the preparation book at home.*

**during month of April, individual family conference with Mrs. Fischer - available conference times will be communicated at February parent gathering.*

CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday, April 29, 2012 - Noon Liturgy at St. Patrick's Church
St. Michael – St. Patrick Faith Formation Program

PK-GRADE 11 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

The partnership between parish and home

To ensure an effective and meaningful faith formation effort there needs to be a spirit of cooperation and collaboration in our partnership between parish and home.

This cooperation is evidenced by the parish which:

- provides well-planned and executed programs faithful to the teachings of the Church and in accord with diocesan standards, policies and procedures.
- communicates program information effectively and timely to all registered families.

This cooperation is evidenced by parents who:

- Model a vibrant faith through weekly Mass attendance, reception of the sacraments according to church precepts, personal and family prayer, scripture reading and reflection, and involvement in the community life and financial support of the parish.
- Support the catechetical mission of the parish. Please complete and return the enclosed parish catechetical commitment form in a timely fashion (registration deadline is August 15, 2011).
- Communicate to program coordinators special needs or concerns of a child (physical, developmental or learning disabilities, behavioral issues, health or medical conditions, etc).
- Ensure regular attendance at R.E. classes; timely communication of any absence.
- Actively participate in the catechetical process by reviewing and discussing lesson content, and attending special catechetical programs in the parish.

The evangelical and catechetical effort of the church IS a fundamental mission of disciples of Christ.

Our parish catechetical effort is dependent upon the generous and self-sacrificing sharing of our prayer, care and service as we strive together as priest, pastoral staff and parishioners to live out our baptismal call as followers of Jesus Christ.

Please consider carefully and prayerfully ----

how you can serve the evangelical and catechetical mission of the church to form hearts and minds for Christ,

contributing in a positive manner to the vitality of our St. Michael-St. Patrick faith community.

"Do This In Memory of Me"

2011-2012 Catechetical Theme

Rel. Educ. REGISTRATION MATERIALS Enclosed