

# Elementary Faith Formation

## First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Preparation

**Eligibility:** Grade 3

**Classes:** Will be offered:

- Wednesdays from 6:00-7:15pm (Jan and April/May) OR
- Thursdays from 4:15-5:30pm (Jan and April/May)

*Complete calendars are available on the website <http://www.saint-mikes.org/communion-reconciliation>*

Children will meet in classrooms with up to 13 children per classroom with one volunteer catechist. Parents will meet in the Worship Space or Parish Hall for a concurrent parent session. The final week of preparation for each sacrament will be a Parent/Child Retreat that will be 2 hours long. Please be sure to note the change on your calendar.

**Curriculum:** We are using Our Sunday Visitor's "Call to Celebrate." You can preview this curriculum online at: [http://www.osvcurriculum.com/home/ctc\\_bridge.html](http://www.osvcurriculum.com/home/ctc_bridge.html); and preview parent resources for Reconciliation at:

<http://www.osvcurriculum.com/reconciliation/program/parent.html>; and for Holy Communion at: <http://www.osvcurriculum.com/eucharist/program/parent.html>

**Catechists:** While it seems like a lot, and it is...most of these requirements are only necessary for your first year and then are good for the long haul.

***We ask catechists to complete/attend all of the following:***

- ScreeningOne background check form
- one-time Diocesan Pathways training session
- one-time VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children diocesan training session
- the St. Michael Sacrament Catechist trainings on: TBD - See the catechist support at: <http://www.osvcurriculum.com/reconciliation/program/cat.html> (First Reconciliation) and <http://www.osvcurriculum.com/eucharist/program/cat.html> (Holy Communion).