

Sacrament Preparation Program

Eligibility: In grades 3

Classes: **New this year!** Preparation classes will use a separate curriculum but will be offered during the regular faith formation classroom calendar. Children who fulfill the regular faith formation requirement outside of the St. Michael classroom program can register for sacrament preparation only - see the options below.

- Wednesdays from 6:00-7:15pm
- Sundays from 4:15-5:30pm

[Complete calendars are available on the website.](#) *Three weeks of the preparation for each sacrament will involve the children meeting in a classroom 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 fourth week of preparation for each sacrament will include a Saturday Parent/Child Retreat that will be 2 hours long. See the calendar for the specific preparation dates.*

Parents are expected to attend the Parent Orientation meeting during the first class of each sacrament preparation program and are encouraged to attend the parent sessions during the 2nd and 3rd week as well. In addition, parents will cover lessons at home with their child to complete the curriculum and will participate in the Parent/Child Retreats with their child.



Curriculum: We are using Our Sunday Visitor's "Call to Celebrate." You can [preview this curriculum online](#) and [preview parent resources for Reconciliation](#) and for [Holy Communion](#).

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:

- one-time [VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children diocesan training session](#).
- Screening One Background Check form which is now part of VIRTUS training. These checks are renewed every five years.
- the St. Michael **Sacrament Catechist training on: Wednesday, September 12th, from 6:00-8:00pm.**
- one-time [Diocesan Pathways training](#) session.