

Kidz InC



Admission to Communion

Dear Parents,
Our policy at St Michael's is to admit children to communion long before they are confirmed (which in this diocese can only happen at age 16). We do this in a recovery of the meaning of baptism and sacrament. Baptism admits every candidate to full membership of the church. Because of the way we adults in the West intellectualize life and so commonly marginalize our children, the church for centuries has, in effect, denied those they have admitted to full membership of the church participation in the most central act of worship of the church. Children, we say, can't "understand" and so mustn't be allowed to participate. However, to exclude children from communion denies what we say we believe about baptism. Put in a more colloquial way, baptism makes Christians, not "half" Christians.

We have also realized today that learning occurs on a variety of levels, not merely on the intellectual level. This means, for example, that children learn by imitating their parents, long before they understand intellectually what they are doing. All parents will know the saying that a child learns 90% from what his/her parents do and 10% from what they say. Well if you apply this to receiving communion, then we believe that it is good education for children to do what they see their parents doing, long before they may be able to understand or explain what they are doing. From a priest's perspective (i.e. as

one who gives the sacrament to the people) there are many children who instinctively reach out their hands because that's what they see their parents doing. It is sometimes painful to see their obvious puzzlement (and sometimes their hurt) when they are not allowed to participate in the same way as their parents.

At the moment the policy is the one I inherited, which says that children from the age of 6 can be admitted to communion. I say "can" because the decision always belongs to parents. The way we do it at the moment is to say that parents are their children's priests in the eyes of God and should therefore be the ones responsible for preparing their children to receive the sacrament.

We will be admitting children to communion on the 23rd October during the 9am service. There will be a workshop for both the care givers and the children on Saturday the 15th October at 2pm. If you would like your child to be admitted to communion this year, please give your name to Val and collect your material from the office. If you are unable to prepare your child, but would like them to be admitted to communion, please speak to me before the 18th September.

Thank you and God bless.

Shona



Kidz InC. Terms for the year 2005

1st Term

16 Jan - 13 Mar

2nd Term

10 Apr - 19 Jun

3rd Term

24 Jul - 18 Sept

4th Term

9 Oct - 27 Nov



COMING EVENTS!

15 October 2pm

Admission to Communion
workshop

23 October 9am

Admission to Communion

21 October

Zoo Night Visit
(5:15pm in the Zoo Car
park, bring picnic supper)

5 November

Fun Day!!

Our Fun Olympics!

On the 4th June 2005 SANSSA held a Fun Olympics event. We entered two teams which included children and teachers, and fun was had by all.

I looked up the word "fun" in the dictionary and found that "fun can be playful and often energetic activity" and that is exactly what the Fun Olympics was all about – **energy!**



The different races included: a preschoolers race, balance bean bag, three legged race, sack race, parents and teachers race, pastors race, dressing up race, hula hoop race and the famous egg and spoon race. Dalene and Gavin entered the balance bean bag race and what a humorous sight. The sack race nearly killed me, so I left racing to the children... Shona made us proud in the pastor's race. Oh and lets not forget the moms and dads races. Even Amanda in the mom's race boosted our points, well done. The cherry on the top was when Carrey-Lynn tied first place for the best dressed mascot.

Thank you children, parents and teachers, hope to see you all there next year.

Brenda Gallie

Kidz InC Corner

Fun Activities to do together!



Fishes

It is fun to discover how many possibilities there are to design a fish.

Fish come in such a variety of shapes and colours that the imagination can have full sway. Children enjoy trying different materials and techniques to create a fish for a mobile or a kite, or to add to a sea picture.

Aluminium Foil: With a double layer of aluminium foil, create a fish shape and emboss it by rubbing carefully over a textured surface. Try a grater, waffle iron, fan guard or fork. A washer or bottle cap will make a good eye. Add some liquid detergent (Sunlight) to paint. Coat and wipe off to leave colour in the embossed patterns.

Bottles, Boxes and Tubes: Use any of these as a base to add the tail and fins to and decorate to hang on a mobile.

Reed or Wire: Bend a simple fish shape with heavy wire or reed, fastening at tail crossing. Coat this frame with glue and press onto tissue paper. When glue is dry dampen paper to stretch. Dry and decorate.

Make a school of fish for a swimming mobile!

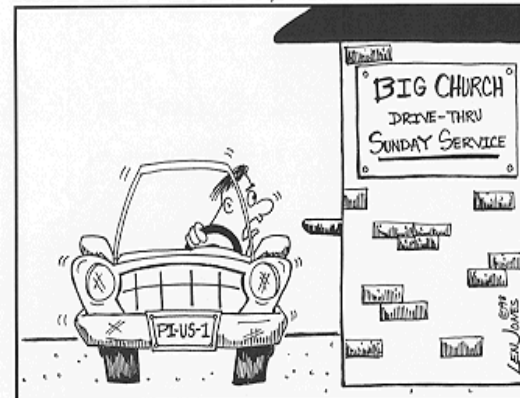
Cream or Buttermilk box



Tips on exam stress

- There are very few things in life in which you only get one chance and exams aren't one of them. Reassure children that if they do flunk this time, they can re-sit and it won't be a major disaster. Failing an exam doesn't make you a failure.
- Arrange their and your schedule around revision. Be lenient about chores and untidiness, give them a break and understand lost tempers and moodiness.
- It's never too late to study, revise or ask for help.
- You might not understand the details of their work, but you can help them plan it. Schedule in work, rest and play periods. Encourage them to take at least half an hour before bedtime to read, play music or otherwise relax and distance themselves from study.
- Bribes or presents conditional on getting high grades aren't the best way to help young people. It's far better to encourage them to work for their own satisfaction and schedule small and frequent rewards for effort.
- Make sure they have a comfortable place to work – and accept that some people CAN revise better with loud music or the TV on in the corner!
- It's perfectly normal for your children to be scared and moody. They need support, reassurance and confidence boosting rather than pills.
- Don't keep asking if they're all right but be there as a calm support. Be positive and encouraging and offer whatever they need – a coffee, a plate of chips, a shoulder to cry on.
- On exam days, encourage them to eat breakfast and then go through a check list with them to make sure they have everything they need.
- Send them off with the knowledge that you love and support them whatever the result of the exam.
- As each exam is finished, allow them talk it through but then encourage them to let it go.
- Mark the ending of exams with a celebration, so that whatever result they get they have at least been valued and praised for having done their best.
- Love them and praise them daily.

ALTAR EGO. by Len Jones



"I'll take two choruses, three hymns, one prayer... and one sermon hold the conviction please."

Kidz Joke Corner

Why did the chicken cross the playground?
To get to the other slide!

What did the one firefly say to the other when his light went out?
"Give me a push, my battery is dead!"

What do you call a dinosaur that is stupid?
A thick-a-saurus.

Why was Cinderella bad at basketball?
She had a pumpkin for a coach