

Dear Parents,

We received many positive comments from families whose children received First Eucharist at individual Masses last year. Parents especially appreciated how the priests made each child's First Communion very special as well as having the flexibility to choose the date that worked best for them.

With that in mind, we now invite you to sign up your child for individual reception of First Eucharist at a Mass. Please choose from one of the following weekends, April 10/11, May 1/2, May 22/23 and June 5/6. You may use the [Sign Up Genius](#) link below to make your selections. Weekday Masses are also an option. Please call our office if you would like to sign up for a daily Mass.

If something happens and you cannot be present at the selected Mass, please call or email us right away so that different arrangements can be made. We will most likely be able to honor your request but these dates are always subject to change depending on what happens in the future with COVID.

As a reminder, the church is not offering the cup at this time. Please help your child understand that the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ are all present in the host. We encourage you to help your child understand that Jesus will be present in many familiar ways, especially in the Eucharist

Procedure for First Eucharist at Mass:

- One pew seating 6-8 will be reserved for your immediate family. If other members of your family attend, please remember that due to the Corona virus restrictions, the numbers at Mass are still limited. Currently we cannot guarantee seating for extended family members.
- Everyone 5 years and older must wear a mask.
- Priests are available for pictures after Mass (please no group pictures). Please know that the priest will have to respect social distancing regulations or wear a mask.
- The priest will announce the names of the children at the beginning of Mass and a certificate and rosary will be at a special table in the vestibule. Look for a white envelope with your child's name on it.

When approaching communion, the faithful are to:

- 1. Bow and place their hands out with one hand under the other, making a throne for Jesus Christ.**
- 2. The priest will say "The Body of Christ". Please respond "Amen," step to the side, pull mask down or unhook to one ear, place communion in their mouth, and pull the mask back up.**
- 3. The consecrated Host must NOT be taken back to the pew to be consumed.**

Bishop Joensen has strongly requested that Holy Communion is only received in the hand.

- ***Personal piety must subordinate in this moment to the common good.***
- ***If someone insists on receiving on the tongue, they must wait until the end of communion.***

- From the Covid 19 Liturgical Guidelines on the diocesan website

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding; the reception of Our Lord in the Eucharist is the greatest of privileges; if we focus on that, surely this will be a beautiful and memorable day in the life of your child and your family.

Mass Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4AACAA2AABFB6-first>