

Dear First Communion Candidates and Families,

It is with a joyful heart that we write to you and let you know that we now have a plan in place to begin offering our first communion students the opportunity to receive their first Holy Eucharist. Starting June 11th and continuing through the summer, families can choose a Mass for their child to receive their First Communion. While we are not able to offer a large group gathering this year due to our current capacity restrictions, we do see this as a great opportunity for you as a family to encounter our Lord and celebrate the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

So how will this work? There are three simple steps to consider to help you prepare:

First, we ask that parents revisit the first communion workbook that was sent home earlier this year. If you did not receive this book or have misplaced it, contact the office. Talk to your child about the importance of the Mass and the Eucharist. This will help them prepare

Second, included in this email is a video from Fr. Brandon and Ben Frost. After you have gone through the workbook, we would ask that you watch this video with your child. The video goes through more the nuts and bolts of what to expect at their First Holy Communion.

Finally, when you feel your child is ready, call the church office at 218-741-6344 and schedule a date with Jessica. You can choose any Mass that you like! (Weekend or Weekday) Maybe a few families plan for the same day...that is fine too.

After you have gone through the workbook, watched the video and scheduled a date, we ask that you arrive at the Mass fifteen minutes early and let Fr. Brandon know that you are there. He will greet your child and give them one last word of encouragement and remind them how to receive Holy Communion. Following Mass your child will receive a certificate and a gift and then you can go celebrate with family and friends.

We thank you and your child for your patience. While the recent pandemic has been challenging, it also has been a source of much grace and hope. First Communion may look different this year, but we are confident that Jesus Christ will move profoundly in the hearts of our first communicants. Jesus waits for your child! Remember that! Know that we are praying for you and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

God bless,

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