

FIRST EUCHARIST & PRACTICE 2017-2018



- **PRACTICE FOR FIRST EUCHARIST:**

Monday, April 23, 2018 ~ 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (for those assigned the 11 a.m. Mass)

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 ~ 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (for those assigned the 2 p.m. Mass)

Practices will be held in Holy Name Church. One parent is required to attend the practice with your child. Please, **NO siblings at the practice**. Your presence will help your child to be more relaxed and confident the day of First Eucharist. You can observe the practice and help them at home with the details that we go through at practice. Dress for practice: Church appropriate.

- **FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES: Saturday, April 28, 2018 ~ 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.**

11 a.m. Mass- those assigned to this Mass **must arrive no later than 10:30 a.m.** Drop off child in St. Anne Hall. If you wish to take photos in St. Anne Hall prior to Mass, arrive no later than 10 a.m.

2:00 p.m. Mass-those assigned to this Mass **must arrive no later than 1:30 p.m.** Drop off your child in St. Anne Hall. If you wish to take photos in St. Anne Hall prior to Mass, arrive no later than 1:00 p.m.

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING THE FIRST EUCHARIST MASS

~photos/videos may be taken before each Mass in St. Anne Hall from 10-10:15 a.m./1p.m.-1:15 p.m. (depending upon what Mass you have been assigned), and at the reception in the gym, or **AFTER** Mass in church~

- **Pew Assignments:** are alphabetical (by family's last name). The Candidates for First Eucharist will process in together at the beginning of Mass. Parents and family will be seated prior to the start of Mass. Please leave room for your child at the end of your pew closest to the 'main' aisle in which you are seated nearest to.

Please Note: Each family is assigned ONE pew (twins will be assigned two pews). If your extended family will not fit in your designated pew, they will have to sit in other areas of the church that are not marked as "reserved".

- A Reception will be held after each Mass in HN School Gym. Please make certain you get your child's First Communion Certificate, gift, and plate (Wonderworks project), at the reception.

- **Dress for First Eucharist:**

- **Girls:** Most wear a First Communion Dress (white/cream), some wear head veils, or a wreath of flowers (please make certain that the head piece is attached firmly so it does not slide off during Mass). Dress socks/tights, dress shoes. NO gloves, prayer books or rosaries are to be carried in procession.
- **Boys:** Most wear a suit, dress shirt and neck tie, dress shoes and socks. Some opt to wear a sport coat, dress pants, dress shirt, neck tie, dress shoes and socks.

Thank you for your cooperation. Sacramental celebrations are a "holy moment/encounter" with Jesus Christ. We thank you, in advance, for your part in helping to make the First Eucharist Mass a special and holy encounter by *not taking photos*—it is disruptive and an intrusion upon a holy moment/encounter with Jesus Christ.