

FIRST EUCHARIST SOLEMN GROUP CELEBRATION

1. The solemn celebration of First Eucharist is scheduled for **Saturday, May 1st at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** and is limited to 76 children for EACH celebration. By completing and returning the registration form, \$20.00 fee (\$25 after 3/01/10) and a copy of the Baptismal Certificate to the **Ministry of Faith Formation Office**, by mail or dropping it off at the parish office, no later than March 01, 2010, one requests the date and time the family would like for First Eucharist celebration. Requests are honored on a first-come, first-served basis and will not be processed unless all information requested is received. Note that reservations will not be taken by phone. Experience tells us that these two times fill up quickly, so make your requests as early as possible. Please make sure you have received the written confirmation of your requested date BEFORE inviting out of town family members to the celebration, and before you plan the party! Confirmation of your request will be mailed to each family several weeks after we receive your registration information.
2. A copy of the child's Baptism Certificate needs to accompany the registration form, **unless your child presently attends St. Brendan School**. If your child was not baptized at St. Brendan's, please confirm with the Faith Formation office that a copy of your child's certificate is on file before submitting your registration.
3. Practice for the Solemn/Group Celebrations is *required* and will be held:
 - *If you requested 10:00 a.m., practice is Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 9-10:30am.*
 - *If you requested 1:00 p.m., practice is Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 11-12:30pm.*

Both Parent and Child are to meet in the **SCHOOL CAFETERIA**.

Children and at least one parent need to be present for the **entire practice** which will begin and end promptly at the times noted. Meet in CAFETERIA *at least 10 minutes prior* to the start of the practice time. If you are not present by this time, your child's name is moved to the back of the line. If you are not present for practice, the name is removed completely since you are indicating to us that you have chosen a different date for the reception of the sacrament for our child.

4. A group photograph will be taken on Saturday, May 1st in the school Multi Purpose Room. Times and specific information will be given to you at the practice. The First Eucharist ceremony is video-taped and copies will be available for purchase. Families are asked to refrain from taking pictures during the liturgy. Forms to purchase the video will be given out at practice. If you do not turn the order forms in on the day of the ceremony, you will have to send your order in directly to the vendor.
6. White dresses, veils or suit coats are not required. Parents make this choice.
7. If you have questions about any part of the preparation program or ceremony, please contact the Faith Formation Office, Monday thru Friday, 9-4:00 p.m. at 876-9533 x2.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HONOR ALL FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE AND INVITE THE CHILDREN TO WEAR THEIR SPECIAL FIRST COMMUNION CLOTHING AT EACH MASS THEY ATTEND DURING THIS MONTH.