

FIRST EUCHARIST INDIVIDUAL FAMILY LITURGY GUIDELINES

1. Individual families choose any regularly scheduled Saturday or Sunday liturgy beginning **Saturday, April 10th, and ending Sunday, March 30th inclusive**. Individual First Communions are not scheduled on May 1st and 2nd.
2. Due to space limitations, the number of families at any one liturgy is limited to five (5). There is, however, no limit to the number of family members or guests you invite to attend this special celebration.
3. Families need to arrive at the worship space approximately 20 minutes before Mass begins to reserve seating. **Ask any usher to reserve the seats you need.**
4. **Please notify the celebrant** upon your arrival to remind him of your special celebration and that you will be walking in as part of the entrance procession and will help take up the offertory gifts.
5. The celebrant will instruct you regarding how the child and family will receive Eucharist. Please check with Father when you arrive. Non-Catholic parents are encouraged to accompany your child to the Eucharistic table.
6. 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 offices, 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 dates 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.
7. First Eucharist certificates will have the date of the Family Liturgy on them and will be given out by the celebrant. If you do not receive a certificate, contact the Ministry of Faith Formation Office as soon as possible.
8. There is no dress code for the child for Family Celebration. Parents may choose any type of appropriate clothing. White dresses, veils or suit coats are not required.
9. If you have any questions about any part of the preparation program or ceremony, please contact us at the Ministry of Faith Formation Office, Monday thru Friday, 9:00a.m.-4:00p.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.