

Hello Families!

June 18, 2020

St. Paul's First Communion Mass will be on Saturday, August 15th, 2020 at 1:30 pm. This will be a Mass for only First Communicants and their close family and friends.

Register for Mass:

Please register for First Communion Mass at this link:

<https://firstcommunionmass.eventbrite.com>

Each family unit can include up to 8 people. This will allow proper social distancing protocols and maintain everyone's safety and health. If our church capacity (115 people) is not met by August 8th, then families can welcome more than 8 people.

Rehearsal for First Communion:

The rehearsal for First Communion is on Saturday, August 8th at 10:00 am. Only one adult needs to attend the rehearsal with your child.

Liturgical Leadership:

Children are welcomed and encouraged to participate in a leadership role at the First Communion Mass. Children can volunteer as a :

- Lector (read the First Reading, Second Reading, or Universal Prayers)
- Gift Bearer (present the offertory gifts to the priest)
- RSVP to Bridget, [bmcintyre@hoosiercatholic.org](mailto:bmcintyre@hoosiercatholic.org)

First Communion Banner:

A tradition at St. Paul is for children to create a banner that marks your family pew at the First Communion Mass then is kept as a family keepsake. Children decorate their banner with symbols that represent their faith. Materials and instructions for your child's banner will be available at St. Paul in the gathering space for you to pick up at your convenience. The building is open from 8:30 am - 8:00 pm Monday through Sunday.

Catechetical Preparations:

I trust that parents (and maybe some older siblings) have done a fantastic job leading your First Communicant through the textbook (delivered in April). If you have slowly moved through all parts of the textbook then there is every reason to trust that your child is prepared to receive their First Holy Communion. Still, I have created a list of 8 "highlights" to be understood to the best of your child's ability. If I can help you prepare your child, in any way, then please let me know.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I am grateful for your family's trust and excited for your child's First Communion.

Many Blessings,  
Bridget

## Highlights to Sacramental Preparation

1. What is a Sacrament?
2. We belong to the Christian family by our Baptism.
3. Catholics gather at Mass like early Christians gathered. We are a community of faith.
  - What do Catholics do differently or the same as early Christians?
4. The Mass has two important parts. The Liturgy of the Word and The Liturgy of the Eucharist.
  - What happens during the Liturgy of the Word?
  - How does the congregation participate in the Liturgy of the Word?
  - What happens during the Liturgy of the Eucharist?
  - What is the most special part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist?
5. What is the consecration?
6. How is the Mass like a feast or celebration? How is the Mass a sacrifice?
7. We receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, the Bread of Life.
8. By celebrating the Eucharist, we share a mission to continue Jesus' work.
  - How do you see other people sharing Jesus' mission?
  - How can you share Jesus' mission?