

FIRST COMMUNION – EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

	WHEN	WHERE	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
Retreat Day	Friday, May 3 MHR students 8:10 SOR students 8:15	School Vestibule of Church	All students: Bring brown bag lunch w/ name and a drink. Bring completed banner. Bring "listening ears." SOR students dismissed at 2:30 from Church. MHR students dismissed at 2:45 from School.
First Communion Day	Saturday, May 4 11am Mass	Communicants: 10:35 in Briody Hall. Parents: after you drop your child off, please proceed to your assigned pew and be seated.	Receive Jesus. Feel His wonderful presence and share His gift of love today and always. After mass, communicants will process to Briody Hall and wait for parents to pick them up.
May Crowning	Sunday, May 5 11am Mass	Meet in the vestibule of Church at 10:45am	All Communicants are invited to be part of the May Crowning. Please wear your Communion clothes. Children will process in and sit with their classmates.

FIRST COMMUNION – BANNER

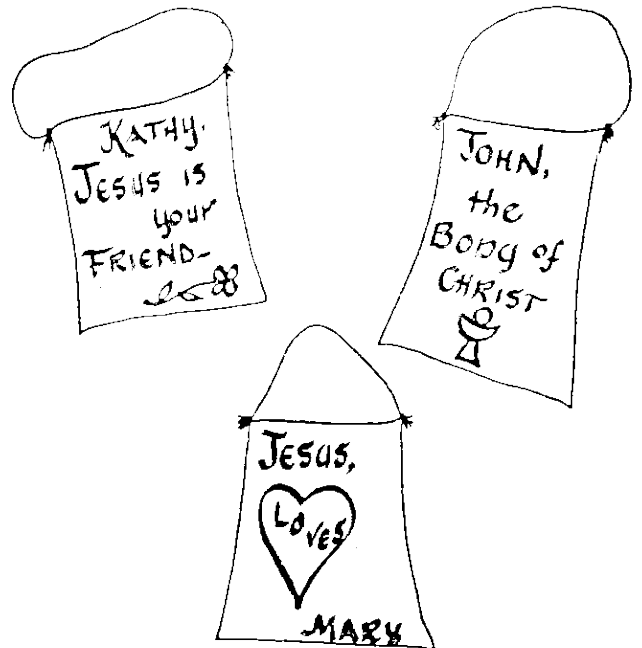
Completed banners are due on **Retreat Day - Friday, May 3rd**

Please have family name on back of banner.

- 9 X 12 white felt piece (provided)
- 2 feet of yarn or ribbon to hang the banner
- 1 10 inch dowel rod or cardboard piece from a hanger

Please do not use the store-bought kits due to their size.

We hope that you as a family enjoy preparing this special Eucharistic banner for First Communion.



RETREAT DAY

A special day of preparation for First Eucharist is planned for the children on Friday, May 3rd. Most Holy Redeemer school children should come to school at the regular time. School of Religion children will meet in the back of Church at 8:15am. All students will attend the 8:30am Mass. If your child attends a public school, please remember to notify the school regarding your child's absence. **MHR students will dismiss at 2:45 from School; SOR students will dismiss at 2:30pm from Church.**

Please have your child bring a brown bag lunch and a drink with name on bag. **PLEASE, NO LUNCH BOXES OR BACK PACKS.** Children should also bring their **COMPLETED** felt banner with last name on the back.

Retreat day will consist of the following activities:

- All students will attend 8:30am Mass
- Reconciliation service and practice receiving Communion
- Art activity related to First Communion
- Music practice - review of the songs for Mass
- Practice of special participation parts in First Communion Mass
- Practice processing in and out of Church
- Lunch
- The afternoon session is a final run through of our Mass for Saturday

We look forward to enjoying this day with your child. If you would like to help during the retreat, please see Lori Kennedy before you leave this evening.

FIRST COMMUNION DAY

The children may begin assembling in Briody Hall at 10:35am on Saturday, May 4th. Parents should go to their assigned seat immediately; the Mass will begin at 11am. On Retreat Day, a seating arrangement will be sent home with your child indicating your place in the reserved pew. **The First Communicant and their parents or two special adults are the only ones that are to be seated in the reserved pew.** We ask that all siblings, family, and friends be seated behind the reserved pews. Everyone should be in their places before the procession with the children begins.

At Communion time, ushers will guide the First Communicant and their parents or two special adults to the priest. At this moment of receiving the Lord in the Eucharist, it is your privilege to stand with your child and place your hand on his/her shoulder. Father will give Communion to your child and then to you. Communion will be distributed under both species. This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus together. If you do not choose to take Communion under both species, just walk past the Minister of the Cup. Your child is to wait for both of you to receive Communion so that all three of you can return to your places together. If you are not receiving Communion, we still encourage you to walk with and stand beside your child at this special moment. If you just bow your head or step back the priest will understand that you are not receiving. **Please remind any guest of yours that might be present at mass that there will be no picture taking allowed during mass and especially at Communion time.** Let us all work together to make this day holy, blessed, and very special for your child.

RETREAT PERMISSION FORM

My child, _____ has permission to participate in the Day of Retreat on Friday, May 3, 2019.

Yes, my child has permission to practice receiving the Blood of Christ by tasting the wine at the retreat.

No, my child does not have permission to practice receiving the Blood of Christ by tasting the wine at the retreat.

Date

Parent signature

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FIRST COMMUNION MASS DVD

Arrangements have been made for the First Communion Mass to be videoed by Tom Killoran Photography. We ask that you refrain from taking pictures during the First Communion Mass.

If you would like to order a DVD, please return the order form and cash or check to the Religious Education Office by **Friday, May 3, 2019**. The cost of a DVD is \$30. (*Checks payable to Most Holy Redeemer*)

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Cell Phone _____

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