

St. Clare of Assisi Parish

First Eucharist - Important Reminders

1. Appropriate Attire

Girls should wear their “Sunday Best”. White dresses and white shoes are not required. Diocesan guidelines: Dresses with short sleeves are preferred. No spaghetti strap or off the shoulder dresses are permitted. If choosing a sleeveless dress the shoulder straps must be at least 1” wide. The dress must be a reasonable length – NO shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

Boys should wear their “Sunday Best.” Sport coat/suit & tie are recommended. Shoes should be dress shoes.

All communicants must wear either a white or black face mask – whichever best matches their outfit.

We ask that communicants refrain from wearing sneakers, sports shoes or sandals.

We ask that communicants not wear gloves or carry rosary beads, prayer books, flowers, or any other item during the Mass. This is so their hands are free for their first reception of the Eucharist.

2. Photographs and Videos

Please remember that no photography (flash or no flash) or video is allowed during the Mass – this includes the use of cell phone cameras.

Please be aware that there can be no photographs or videos during **ANY** part of the Mass including the procession in and out of the church. This is a prayer experience of Initiation into the worship of the Catholic Faith Community.

All the Communion Masses will be livestreamed on our Website and you will be able to share this link with as many people as you would like! This experience was wonderful for our children last year as they were able to share this experience with family and friends far and wide that would not normally be able to attend.

3. Seating

Due to COVID-19, at this time each Communicant can bring two parents with them for a total of 3 people in their Family Pew. If social distancing guidelines change and the communicants can have more guests we will let you know immediately!

First Eucharist pews will be reserved by Sacrament Coordinator

Parents, please use these next months to come to Mass each weekend (or view virtually) and worship with your child. Before or after Mass talk about what part of the Mass they most liked. Or what question they have about something they want to understand. You can pose their question the next weekend to any of the Deacons or Priests at the Mass.

Parents, if it would help you to be prepared to celebrate the Eucharist with your child, consider coming to confession on Saturdays, or come to one of our Regional Lenten Penance services. You may also call for an appointment to see Father Ed or Father Grace.