



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sacrament Guidelines for First Communion

Student Picture: The St. Francis of Assisi Parish Monitor will display the First Communicants' pictures and ask for parish prayers. There will be articles in the bulletin requesting parish prayers. In addition, prayer cards will be made available in the Gathering Space during the spring for parishioners to adopt First Communicants to pray for, along with candidates and catechumens preparing for the Easter Vigil or Confirmation.

Mass Servers and other ministers: Family members and friends who are commissioned to serve as lector, commentator, distributor or mass server here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish are invited to do so at the First Communion Mass. *Schedules are made months in advance so **please contact Vicki Hume by the second week of January to be considered, vhume@sfacc.org or (937) 433-1013 x 1003.***

Photography/Videography: Out of reverence for the occasion, we ask that no candid pictures be taken during the ceremony. You may take unlimited pictures before and after the ceremony. Thanks for your cooperation.

First Communion Banner: It is a tradition here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish for families to make a banner to decorate the assigned family pew during the First Communion Mass.

Use a piece of felt approximately 8" x 11" in size. (Bigger banners get in the way of the entrance/exit from the pew.)

You will receive (with the Communion booklet) a straw and cord to be placed at the top (8" side) of the banner under a hem. With the hem on top, it can be decorated in any way that you choose. You can use felt, embroidery or whatever you choose.

We do ask, however, that all banners bear the **family name**. This banner will indicate your family's pew.

Please return the completed banner on "Jesus Day - 2 with Pictures & Practice," **April 14, 2019**.

Questions: Please call Sylvia Carmody at 433-1013, ext. 1009 or scarmody@sfacc.org

Dates and times are subject to change.