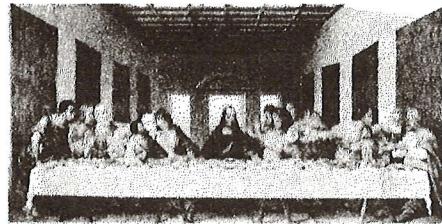




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## ***FIRST COMMUNION 2026***

### **REQUIREMENTS**

1. Using the book, **MY OWN MASS BOOKLET**, complete the pages that are assigned to you. The Teacher/Catechists will have several of the pages that they are to complete. **ONLY HAVE THE STUDENTS COMPLETE THE PAGES ASSIGNED TO YOU!**

**PARENTS** – Fill in the information on the first page of the booklet. **PP. 2-3**

**TEACHER/CATECHISTS** – **PP. 4 - 7 INTRODUCTORY RITE (January 18)**

**PARENTS** – **PP. 8 – 9**

**TEACHER/CATECHISTS** – **PP. 10-11 LITURGY OF THE WORD (February 1 )**

**PARENTS** – **PP. 12-13 GOSPEL**

**TEACHER/CATECHISTS** – **PP. 14-15 (February 15)**

**PARENTS** – **P. 16 PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL P. 17 LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**TEACHER/CATECHISTS** – **PP.18 – 19 (March 1)**

**PARENTS** – **EUCARISTIC PRAYER – PP. 20 – 23**

**TEACHER/CATECHISTS** – **PP. 24 – 27 COMMUNION RITE (March 15)**

**PARENTS** – **PP 28 – 30 COMMUNION**

**TEACHER/CATECHISTS** – **PP. 31-33 – CONCLUDING RITE (April 12)**

2. In the Religious Education Classes the students are to attend faithfully with *not more than three absences* during the year. Each time a student is absent, a written note must be given to the Catechist or a phone call made to Sister Donna (847-223-3071). At St. Gilbert School, the students should participate with enthusiasm in the Religion classes following the guidelines given by the teacher. **ALL STUDENTS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN MASS EVERY WEEKEND.**

3. The Sacrament Fee is \$60. The remaining \$30 is due by February 1, 2026. Thanks to all those who have already paid in full.

4. **JESUS DAY** - There will be a retreat (Jesus Day) for both students and one parent on the following dates:

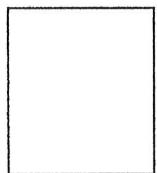
**Saturday, February 14, 9:00 pm – noon**

**Saturday, February 21, 1:00 - 4:00 pm**

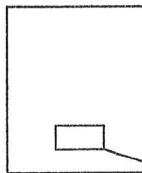
5. The First Communion banner should be made on the 8 ½ x 11 piece of SOFT white felt given to you tonight. The design should be vertical as shown in the example. Samples are available for you to view. Ideas for the symbol: wheat, host, cup, grapes, cross, candle, joined hands, altar, priest, boy or girl receiving Communion. Please do not use glitter or glue heavy objects onto the banner. Also, before you turn it in, make sure everything is securely glued or sewn on to the banner. Please place a sticker or piece of tape with your child's name, teacher and room

number on the back. *The banners are due to class or the office no later than Sunday, April 6 for all Students.*

**EXAMPLE**



FRONT



BACK

sticker with student's name, class, teacher

6. A test will be given to the children in early April. If your child does not pass it, he/she will be given another opportunity to take the test.
7. Bring a school picture of your son/daughter to Jesus Day. We would like to make a bulletin board in the Church lobby with all of the children receiving the Bread of Life for the first time. Bring a wallet size picture (2"x3") to Jesus Day or send one through class to the REP office. Put your child's first name and initial of the last name on the back.
9. When planning the day, make your child the center of your planning. If you have a party or dinner after the liturgy, let your child suggest who is to be invited and let him/her invite those people. Your child should be able to help choose the menu, make the centerpiece, etc. There will be a limit as to the number that attends the Mass but the celebration will be live-streamed.
10. **DRESS:** Children should be in their "Sunday best." Usually for the girls this means a white dress and for the boys it means shirt, tie and pants. Some girls wear a veil or flowers in their hair. Some boys wear a suit jacket.

**11. REHEARSAL DATES:**

**REHEARSAL**

Wednesday, April 15, 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, April 22, 6:00 pm

**1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION MASS**

for Saturday, April 18, 1:00 pm  
for Saturday, April 25, 1:00 pm

Both parent and child must attend the rehearsal for the date that is assigned to their Communion Mass!