

St. Gilbert Religious Education
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FIRST COMMUNION 2023

REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete the booklet as instructed by the coordinator. The completed booklet should be brought to the rehearsal.

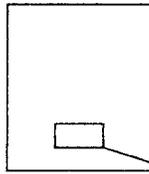
Part I	Parent	The Eucharist: It's about Belonging	Completed by Feb. 5
Part II	Teacher	The Eucharist: It's about Listening	Completed by Feb. 12
Part III	Parent	The Eucharist: It's about Caring	Completed by Feb. 19
Part IV	Teacher	The Eucharist: Giving Thanks for Creation	Completed by Feb. 26
Part V	Parent	The Eucharist: Giving Thanks for New Life	Completed by March 5
Part VI	Teacher	The Eucharist: Sharing a Meal	Completed by March 12
Part VII	Parent	The Eucharist: Going Forth to Make a Better World	Completed by March 19

2. For Sunday and Monday classes the students are to attend faithfully with *not more than three absences* during the year. Each time the child is absent a written note must be given to the teacher or a phone call made to Sister Donna (223-3071). At St. Gilbert School, the students should participate with enthusiasm in the Religion classes following the guidelines given by the teachers. **ALL STUDENTS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN MASS EVERY WEEKEND.**
3. The Material and Retreat Fee for First Communion is \$30. \$30 is due on January 29. Thanks to all those who have already paid in full.
4. JESUS DAY - There will be a retreat (Jesus Day) for both students and parents on the following dates:
Saturday, February 11, 1:00 – 4:00 pm OR
Saturday, February 18, 9:00 am – 12:00 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 to the banner. Also, before you turn it in, make sure everything is securely glued or sewn on the banner. Please place a sticker or piece of tape with your child's name, teacher and room number on the back. Do not put a stick on the top of the banner! *The banners are due to class or the office no later than Sunday, April 2 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. (A copy of the test and the answers is attached.)
7. **COVER DESIGN FOR FIRST COMMUNION BOOKLET:** Each child is invited to draw a picture of some scene or symbol relating to First Eucharist. For example: Jesus and the Last Supper, bread and wine on the altar, wheat and grapes. Designs should be done in pencil on a sheet of paper 8½" x 7" and must be in the Religious Education Office by April 2. One child's design will be used for the cover of the booklet for the First Eucharist Liturgy and some of the other children's designs will be used on the inside of the book.
8. Send in a school picture of your son/daughter. We would like to make a bulletin board 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 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.
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:

<u>REHEARSAL</u>		<u>1ST COMMUNION MASS</u>
Wednesday, April 19, 6:00 pm	for	Saturday, April 22, 1:00 pm
Wednesday, April 26, 6:00 pm	for	Saturday, April 29, 1:00 pm

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