

Dear Friends,

The sacramental focus for this week's article is the Most Holy Eucharist. Next Saturday (May 11) at the 5:00pm Mass, several of our young parishioners will receive the Eucharist for the first time. They have been working hard for several months toward this moment and a greater participation in the Eucharistic feast. Please pray for them during these next few days as they take this step. Nerves are bound to be present, so I know some extra prayers will be appreciated.

With their reverence and enthusiasm, our young people have much to teach us and remind us about matters of faith. Like them, as we approach the sanctuary toward the altar to receive Holy Communion, we must remember that this is Jesus Himself. He is truly present in the consecrated elements. How else can we approach except with true awe and reverence?

The restoration of the tabernacle has synthesized the True Presence, worship, and the church building itself making this appropriate time to speak about reverence.

When entering the Church, genuflecting toward the tabernacle is the preferred reverence. If this is not possible, a profound bow is acceptable. If entering during the celebration of Mass, a bow to the altar is prescribed as only the priest genuflects during Mass, if they are able (sorry Fr. Brown!).

Since the restoration of the tabernacle, people have asked these and many other related questions. I'll need more time to write a lengthier article. But for now, let us join our young people in prayer during the week ahead as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time in the Most Holy Eucharist. Let us pray also that we might join them with reverence and preparation.

For assistance, I am providing a short act of preparation prayer:

Dear Lord, may I receive you in this Communion
With open arms, and a loving, contrite heart,
So that I may be filled with Your grace,
For my good and Your glory! Amen.

In Christ,
Fr. Jones

SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

"The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324).

This year's First Eucharist class has been preparing diligently to encounter Christ in the Eucharistic Celebration set to occur on May 11th at 5:00 p.m. They began this process back in September of 2018 as they studied at home and in group. They learned about Sacred Scripture, the mysteries, how to become intentional disciples of Christ, along with Catholic signs, symbols, and doctrine. The children and their families explored the Faith through engaging hands-on activities and experiences. It was fun for all!!!

Thank you to all the families for their hard work and dedication. It has been my honor and privilege to work side by side with each one of you. I am certain your children will be a blessing to this parish and the Church for many years to come.

Thank You and God Bless,
Carrie Jake

FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS OF 2019

Jake Alwine
Vincent Bellucci
Emma Bierwiler
Elsa Biribuze
Kingston Caslin
Olivia Cacchini
Sarah Gardner
Colin Halpin
Landon Hanaran

Ben Hazlett
Kirk Kilmer
Daniel King
Mika Kunigonis
Lia Kunigonis
Daemon Long
Wendy Lynch
Patrick Lynch
Domenico Madaffari

Bella Martinec
Lochlan McBride
Mason McCarthy
Clare McLaughlin
Hailey Mohr
Julia Neenan
Ella Rattay
Elijah Roger-Sampson
Devin Price

Liam Shaddock
Nathan Skarbek
Megan Sopp
Mike Sweet
Jaedyn Vernacotole
Brynna Walsh
Nathan Williams

