

Overview of Sessions

Session 1

WE PARTICIPATE AT MASS

Theme: We Gather as a Church

Parents: Jesus Present in the Assembly

Session 2

WE SHARE GOD'S WORD

Theme: We Learn About the Bible

Parents: Jesus Present in the Word"

Session 3

WE REMEMBER & GIVE THANKS

Theme: We Lift Our Hearts

Parents: Jesus Present in the Meal

Session 4

WE SHARE THE BREAD OF LIFE

Theme: We Are United in Jesus

Parents: Review of the Celebration

3 Ways to Register

1. Online: svdpks.org
2. Complete the Form
3. Call the office (316) 733-1423



CELEBRATING
GOD'S LOVE
IN

FIRST COMMUNION



St. Vincent de Paul
Catholic Church

Congratulations! You have a child ready to prepare for First Communion. Though you may not realize it, you have been preparing for this day for a long time. You began when you brought your child for Baptism. The Christian home you made & the values you instilled are why your child is now eager to receive Eucharist. You probably did this without much thought. Your faith is part of who you are and it has flowed naturally from you to your child.

In the next months, we invite you to prepare your child for Communion in a more focused way. Since our parish has embraced LIFE (Living Inspired Faith Everywhere) and LIFE is for everyone, we urge you to take an active role in growing your child's faith. We believe you will find the experience rewarding.

We ask that at least one parent (both if possible) come to the sessions with your child. There are 4 sessions-each one on a Wednesday evening (see schedule below). Childcare for other siblings will be available. Your presence is essential, as each session will involve faith sharing, activities, and prayer with your child.

Your child will remember this special one on one time with you as a rich part of their celebration. Be assured of the support & prayers of our parish family as you begin this sacred time of preparation with your child.

First Communions will be celebrated during designated weekend Masses of the Easter season.

SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS

All sessions **Wed** (6:30 to 7:45 PM)

- Session 1** Jan 3, 2018
- Session 2** Jan 17, 2018
- Session 3** Feb 7, 2018
- Session 4** Mar 14, 2018

Dates to Remember

- Jan 17 (6:15 PM) Schedule your child's First Communion date
- Mar 14 First Communion practice (during session)
- Apr 4 First Communion Pictures

A Typical Session May Look Like This

Gathering

Refreshments, Prayer, Song, & Presentation of Theme

Faith Sharing between Parent & Child

Breaking

Children group for age level learning experience

Parents group for adult presentation & discussion

Sending

Parents & children enjoy wrap-up activity

Ritual Prayer (For example, parents may be asked to bless their child)

Home kits with follow up activities

Note: Celebration of the sacrament of First Reconciliation is required before First Communion