

## WE SHARE IN THE EUCHARIST

### When is my child ready to share in Sacramental Communion?

Usually by the age of 7 a child can distinguish between ordinary bread and wine and the Eucharist. It is the parent's role, as primary faith educators of their children, to discern whether their child is ready at an earlier or later age to share in Sacramental Communion.

The Church requires children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving First Communion.

“The First Communion of children must always be preceded by Sacramental Confession and absolution.”

*(p. 39 Redemptions Sacramentum)*

**Children MUST celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation prior to receiving 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.**

## TO YOU

### WHO ARE NOW COMING TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD:

From the day of your baptism, the church prepared a place for you at the table of the Lord.

Every Sunday the baptized people gather around this table. And now you are called to come to that table, to taste and see the goodness of the Lord.



**Sharing faith with children is a real joy, and takes time and commitment. At St. Thomas More Parish, families attend two sessions to help them prepare to celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.**

## PREPARING FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION 2011-2012



**This is my Body  
This is my Blood  
Do this in Remembrance of Me.**

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*1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation must be celebrated before 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.*

**Registration Deadline  
February 1, 2012**

## **FALL SESSION 2011**

### **†FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 5/6/7†**

#### **Child / Parent Meeting**

Phone the parish office to register  
780-434-6313.

**You MUST bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate.**

Date: Tuesday, October 25  
Time: 7:00 – 8:15 pm

**This meeting will prepare older children to celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion prior to Advent.**

#### **Celebration**

**Your child may celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion within any weekend Mass prior to Advent.**

**\*Child MUST celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation BEFORE 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.\***  
(See 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation brochure for meeting dates)

A contribution of \$10.00 is required per child for the books received.

## **SPRING SESSION 2012**

### **†FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 2/3/4†**

#### **Child / Parent Meetings**

Phone the parish office to register for meetings & celebration date:  
780-434-6313.

**You MUST bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate.**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Meeting**

Wed. April 11-----7:00-8:15 pm  
Thurs. April 12-----7:00-8:15 pm  
Sat. April 14-----1:00-2:15 pm  
Mon. April 16-----7:00-8:15 pm  
Wed. April 18-----7:00-8:15 pm

**Children's Retreat: Sat, May 5  
10 am—12 noon**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting (rehearsal)**

Second meeting is on the Wednesday evening **prior** to your child's chosen 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Celebration.

#### **Meeting time----7:00-8:15 pm**

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Mass</u>
Wed. May 16-----	May 19/20
Wed. May 23-----	May 26/27
Wed. May 30-----	June 2/3
Wed. June 6-----	June 10

**\*\*June 10 is a Special Mass at 2pm\*\***  
(Maximum 80 children)

**\*Child MUST celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation BEFORE 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.\***  
(See 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation brochure for meeting dates)

**Helping your child prepare for their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.**

#### **6 EASY STEPS**

- 1. Phone the office** (780-434-6313) **to register** for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> child and parent preparation meetings.  
(Maximum **40 children per meeting**)  
\*At this time you must also indicate the Mass date and time you wish to celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.  
(Maximum **15 children: regular Mass times**)  
(Maximum **80 children: June 10, 2pm Mass**)
- 2. Attend the meetings with your child.**
- 3. (a) MUST bring a copy of your child's** Baptism certificate to the first meeting. This includes children baptized at STM.  
(b) contribution of \$10. is required per child for the books received.
- 4. At the first meeting** the parents and children will:
  - complete the registration form
  - parents will review the program
  - children will participate in a treasure hunt inside the church
  - children will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion materials
- 5. Bring your child** to their 1st Holy Communion Retreat.
- 6. At the second meeting / rehearsal** the parents and children will:
  - review Gospel reading of the day
  - make 1<sup>st</sup> Communion crafts