

# First Eucharist

## Saint Anne Parish

### 2011



The celebration of Eucharist is at the heart of who we are and what we believe as Catholics. Eucharist teaches us who we are and what we should become. The process through which our children come to the Table and partake in the Body and Blood of Christ is both a parish and family celebration. This “food for the journey” unites us in many ways with Christ and those who share our faith.

#### **Please Note**

The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) prior to the reception of First Eucharist is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

The Sacrament of Eucharist is an intimate communion with Christ and with those who share our table. It is also a sign for us that we are all servants to one another.

Children who celebrate this sacrament are in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade or higher and are at least 7 years old. At Saint Anne’s we invite children who have completed at least one year of Faith Formation to begin preparation for First Eucharist. Children are provided the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a separate process offered each Fall.

The sacramental process has four major elements:

- ❖ Prayer and regular participation in Eucharist is part of family life.
- ❖ Children and parents work on a series of home activities and lessons centered on sharing Christ’s life.
- ❖ Children and parents come together for two programs of prayer, formation, and activity.

- ❖ Children complete a series of lessons related to Eucharist.

Parents and families have an essential part in the preparation for First Communion:

- ❖ They have made regular participation in parish liturgy part of their family life.
- ❖ They model faith and religious practice for their children.
- ❖ They assist in the activities and lessons specific to this sacrament.
- ❖ They help determine whether their child is ready to participate fully in the Eucharist.



### **Preparation**

Families who wish to have their children celebrate Eucharist are asked to follow these simple steps:

1. Participate in Sunday liturgy regularly as a family.
2. Participate in either the parish Faith Formation program or in one of the area Catholic schools.
3. Register for the First Eucharist process for the parish through Faith Formation.
4. Submit a copy of your child's baptism certificate. If you don't have one at home, you can call the parish at which your child was baptized and ask them to send you a copy.
5. Attend one of the parent orientation sessions where all materials will be distributed.
6. As a family, work on the sacramental packet and return the review pages.
7. Attend the Parent-Child programs together.

### **First Eucharist Process Schedule 2010 – 2011**

October – December  
**First Reconciliation Process**  
**+ *Required prior to Eucharist* +**

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Our program begins with Orientation and Formation for PARENTS.

We offer two sessions;

**Sunday, January 9**  
**(Noon – 1:30 pm)**

*or*

**Monday, January 10**  
**(7:00 – 8:30 pm)**

Children and Parents participate in two afternoons of formation and activity.

The first session, which concludes with Mass and Blessing of Children, is

**Saturday, February 26**  
**(2:30 – 6:15 pm)**

The second session is offered twice.

Each family should attend one.

**Saturday, March 26**  
**(2:30 – 4:30 pm)**

*or*

**Saturday, April 2**  
**(2:30 – 4:30 pm)**

### **First Eucharist Celebrations**

We celebrate First Eucharist at parish liturgies over two weekends in the Easter Season. Families are asked to choose a date and liturgy for their child.

**Saturday, May 7 / Sunday, May 8**  
**Saturday, May 14 / Sunday, May 15**

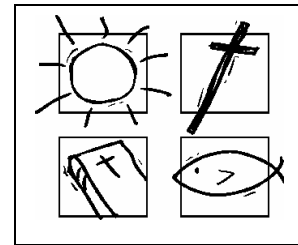
If you have questions about the Eucharist process or are concerned about any of the expectations, please call Ed Duncklee 262-694-0026 or email [eduncklee@saint-anne.org](mailto:eduncklee@saint-anne.org)



# Saint Anne Faith Formation

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## First Eucharist – Spring 2011

### ***PLEASE PRINT***

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Present School / Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ City of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism Parish \* \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name

City / State of Baptism

Denomination/Religion of Baptism Parish \_\_\_\_\_

\* We must have a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate unless baptism was at Saint Anne  
The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is expected prior to the  
reception of First Eucharist. Has your child celebrated Reconciliation? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, where was the first Reconciliation? \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Maiden Name)

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Family Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State/Zip Code

Child resides with? Father \_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

Second Address (if necessary)

Parent's Name

Street

City

State/Zip

Eucharist is the one of the essential Sacraments of Initiation and, as such, it is necessary to be a practicing member of a faith community. If you are not registered and active at Saint Anne or another Catholic parish, you are asked to register within the next two months.

Our family is registered in Saint Anne Parish: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If not, which parish \_\_\_\_\_

### Faith Formation

The process of preparation for First Eucharist is immediate preparation for the Sacrament. It does not replace regular, on-going Faith Formation. Children must be enrolled and active in a regular religion program.

My child is active in the Faith Formation program at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parish or Catholic School Program)

### Parental Agreement

We have reviewed the process for First Eucharist and its schedule. We understand that there are three required general gatherings, one for parents only, and that we will be working on our child's book at home throughout the process. We also acknowledge the regular participation in parish liturgy is essential for adequate preparation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent' Signature

### Program Assistance

We need adult assistance with some of our planned activities during the two afternoon programs for First Eucharist on **Saturday, February 26 and Saturdays March 26/April 2**. If you are willing and able be at church one hour prior to the program and assist, please indicate this here:

Print the name of the adult who will assist \_\_\_\_\_

I will assist on (circle) **February 26<sup>th</sup>** **March 26<sup>th</sup>** **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### Photo Release Statement

I hereby grant permission to Saint Anne Parish, Pleasant Prairie, WI, to use my child's photo for external publication on the Internet at Saint Anne's website or in any other official printed publications without further considerations, understanding that my child's full name will not be published on the internet.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Materials Fee

In order to defray expenses, we ask each family participating in the Eucharist process to contribute a **material fee of \$75 with registration**. No one is denied sacramental preparation due to an inability to pay. For fee assistance, call the Faith Formation Office 262-694-0026. Check should be made payable to Saint Anne Parish.

**Return completed registration, copy of Baptism certificate, and fee by December 15<sup>th</sup> to:**

Saint Anne Faith Formation  
9091 Prairie Ridge Blvd  
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

### Special Needs

Please list any information (i.e., learning disabilities, medications, allergies, etc.) we should know which will help us serve your child as best we can: