

Dear Eucharistic Ministers ,

May is First Communion Month at Holy Family. Over the first three weekends in May, there will be 7 First Communion Masses across all Masses except for the 7:30 am.

The systems for distributing communion are mostly the same as usual, but I just want to highlight a few things that are different at First Communion Mass and just point out a few reminders!

- Once all the EMS receive communion, Fr. Bob and the two ministers of the cup will head down to the floor to distribute Communion to the First Communicants and their parents.
- If you are the Minister of the cup at any Mass during the year, any one from First Communion on, at any age, can receive from the cup. If they receive at First Communion, they have practiced with unconsecrated wine.
- Fr. Bob will have (hopefully) made an announcement that we will be holding Communion from everyone else until the First Communicants and their parents have all received.
- While Fr Bob and the two ministers of the cups distribute to the First Communicants, the Deacon (if there is one) and the additional EMS will remain on the altar.
- If there is a Deacon he can lead when it is time to leave altar and all Ems can go to their stations
- If there is no Deacon the EMS need to be watching the center aisle to see when the First Communicants are done and move quickly. Not rushed, just move at the moment the First Communicants have finished. If I am there I will do my best to signal you as well but, it is really important to move at the appropriate time.
- If you are at a Mass and notice that we have less than the appropriate number of EMS (5 EMS+ a Deacon and a priest or 6 Ems + Priest.) Please come forward and serve. If you are assigned make sure you head to the altar at the beginning of the Lamb of God.
- If you happen to be early for a Mass early that is a First Communion and you are not scheduled please let Stephanie or myself know if we are there. We may need a fill in or an extra EM depending on the crowd so alerting us you are there is a great help!
- First Communions often bring an increase in visitors and you may see an increase in people coming forward asking for a blessing instead of receiving Eucharist. Please be sure to follow previous instructions on how to do a blessing (let me know if you need retraining or clarification in this area)

First Communions are wonderful celebrations for the whole community in our parish and your attention to the details make it a smoother liturgical celebration. The many bullet points above may make it seem complicated, it is not. It is just important that all understand the process, we only do it in May so its easy to forget. There are many new EMS since last May so let me know if you need assistance.

As always if any of this does not make sense or needs clarification. Please ask. I am happy to walk you through in person or clarify confusion of any kind. I am always happy to do that! You play such an important role in helping us all worship well, no question is not important and I am happy to help.

Thank you!

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Please let me know if you are willing to serve on May 14 at 6 - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE							
May 2 & 3							
Holy Communions - May 2 - 5:00 PM							
SATURDAY 5:00PM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Deacon Don	Nancy Fitzsimmons	Christine Deleo	Ed Corvelli	Fran Russell	Jack Webb	X
SUNDAY 7:30AM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Linda Collins	Marion Carlson	Mike Driscoll	Nancy Lyons	Sean Andersen	Sheila Tenaglia	X
Holy Communions - May 3 - 9:00:00 AM							
SUNDAY 9:00AM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Kathy Fanning	Magaret Donovan	Maureen O'Neil	Marilyn Pisco	Mary Brady	Neal Doherty	X
Holy Communions - May 3 - 10:30:00 AM							
SUNDAY 10:30 PM - 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Deacon David	Michele Puopolo	Anne Marie Shea	Deacon Art	Brigitte Silvia	Cindy Doyle	X
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Peggy Dickinson	Fran Russell	Amanda Hulien	Christine Barrett	Melissa Brown	X	X

May 9 & 10

Holy Communion - May 9 - 5pm

SATURDAY 5:00PM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Deacon David	Nancy Fitzsimmons	Kathleen Elliott	Richard Cleary	Sean Andersen	Tom Kane	X
SUNDAY 7:30AM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Traci Shortt	Agnes Sill	Andrea Heinstadt	Dan Cosgrove	Jackie Barbiere	Stephanie Williams	X

SUNDAY 9:00AM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Sharon Cronin	Tim McKinney	Colleen Larose	Anne Schroeder	Cindy Doyle	Ed Rose	X
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Holy Communion - May 10 - 10:30 AM

SUNDAY 10:30AM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Claudia Crowley	Michael Crowley	Gail Lefebvre	Janine Brady	Mary Ann Salzillo	Michelle Taylor	X
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Deacon Don	Fran Russell	Carol Hartnett	Sarah Daly Lemieux	Sally Marples	X	X

Thursday, May 14 - Ascension of the Lord

Thursday 6PM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Fran Russell				X	X	X

May 16 & 17

SATURDAY 5:00PM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Glenn Dobecki	Sandy Dobecki	Tom Kane	Christine Deleo	Ed Corvelli	Fran Russell	X

SUNDAY 7:30AM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Deacon David	Ann Marie O'Connor	Linda Collins	Marion Carson	Mike Driscoll	Nancy Lyons	X
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Holy Communion - May 17 - 9 AM

SUNDAY 9:00AM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Deacon Don	Gail Lefebvre	Janine Brady	John Durnan	Colleen Larose	Stephanie Williams	X
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SUNDAY 10:30AM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Ed Rose	Mickey Wiernasz	Shiela Hannon	Deacon Art	Cindy Doyle	Mary Ann Salzillo	X
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Holy Communion - May 18 - 5 PM

SUNDAY 5:00PM	Peggy Dickinson	Fran Russell	Carol Hartnett	Christine Barrett	Peggy Dickinson	X	X
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May 23 & 24

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SATURDAY 5:00PM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Deacon Don	Glenn Dobecki	Sandy Dobecki	Jack Webb	Kathleen Elliott	Richard Cleary	X
SUNDAY 7:30AM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Sheila Tenagila	Agnes Sill	Andrea Heinstadt	Dan Cosgrove	Jackie Barbieri	Linda Collins	X
SUNDAY 9:00AM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Kathy Fanning	Margaret Donovan	Marilyn Pisco	Sharon Cronin	Tim McKinney	Anne Schroeder	X
SUNDAY 10:30AM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Deacon David	Gail Lefebvre	Michael Crowley	Claudia Crowley	Michelle Taylor	Stephanie Williams	X
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Amanda Hulien	Nancy Fitzsimmons	Fran Russell	Sally Marples	Christine Barrett	X	X

May 30 & 31

SATURDAY 5:00PM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Deacon David	Sean Andersen	Tom Kane	Fran Russell	Christine Deleo	Ed Corvelli	X
SUNDAY 7:30AM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Deacon Don	Marion Carlson	Mike Driscoll	Nancy Lyons	Sheila Tenaglia	Stephanie Williams	X
SUNDAY 9:00AM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	Mary Brady	Sharon Cronin	Cindy Doyle	Colleen Larose	Ed Rose	John Durnan	X
SUNDAY 10:30AM 2 EMs go to Parking Lot Side	ED Rose	Mickey Wiernacz	Shiela Hannon	Deacon Art	Janine Brady	Mary Ann Salizillo	X
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Deacon Don	Nancy Fitzsimmons	Fran Russell	Melissa Brown	Carol Hartnett	X	X