



ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO
CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 29, 2021

Dear First Communion Parents,

We are so excited to journey with you this year as your child prepares to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. First and foremost our goal is to help your child develop a relationship with Jesus Christ and understand the importance of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith.

One of the best ways to help your child to prepare to receive this incredible sacrament is simply to take your child to Mass each Sunday and help them to participate by saying the prayers with them, encouraging them to sing and participate as much as possible. The importance of your witness at Mass to your child cannot be overstated.

To help you and your child prepare for First Communion we have a schedule of events and classes to assist you.

- **Sat/Sun Oct 16/17 - Enrollment Weekend at all Masses**
- **Small Group Gathering with Fr. Kent (Child/Parent) - Schedule in November**
- **Sun Jan 30 - Child/Parent Session - 9:00 AM Parish Hall (Church Basement)**
- **Sun Feb 27 - Child/Parent Session - 9:00 AM Parish Hall**
- **Sun Mar 27 - Child/Parent Session - 9:00 AM Parish Hall**
- **Wed Apr 6 - Retreat/First Reconciliation (Child/Parent) 6:30-8:30 PM Church**
- **Fri Apr 29 - First Communion Rehearsal (Child/Parent) - 6:00 PM Church**
- **Sun May 1 - First Communion Mass - 1:00 PM Church (Arrive by 12:15 pm)**
- **Mon May 2 - Mass with Blessing of Religious Articles - 5:30 PM Church**

Throughout the year, we hope to send you additional information that you can use to help your child to prepare for both the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist. We pray that you take the time to use these classes and resources as opportunities to have important conversations with your children.

Talking honestly about sin, forgiveness, God's love, the Mass, and why you believe in the Eucharist are instrumental in the formation of your child during this important time of preparation. You don't have to have all the answers! Just be honest, if you have questions we encourage you to reach out to us or to use the incredible resources we have available to us online at [Formed.org](https://www.Formed.org).

We are here for you and are praying for you and your child as they approach their First Holy Communion. We are praying that your children become the saints that the Church needs most in this present age!

In Christ,

Fr. Kent Kaufman - Pastor

Zach Everett - Director of Discipleship & Evangelization