

1st COMMUNION

Date: Sunday, May 5th, 2019

Time: 11:00 Mass

(Students need to be here by 10:10 in church for photos)

Seating:

One pew per child's family with child on end next to middle aisle. Parents, siblings, grandparents, godparents, and other family members may fill up the rest of the pew.

Numbers: There will be 22 communicants altogether.

Pictures:

Richard Morris Photography will be taking the photos. Forms will be sent home at a later date and will need to be turned in by Thursday, May 2nd.

www.rwmjrphotography.com

Dress:

Boys

Navy blue pants

White button down shirt
(short or long sleeved)

Dark socks and dress shoes

Long solid navy tie

Girls

White dress

White ankle socks and dress shoes

Veil, purse, & gloves (optional)

Gifts: Here are some places that have gifts for 1st Communion.

Church office

The Vineyard in Evansville

Hallmark Stores (any location)

www.creativecommunications.com

www.leafletonline.com

www.Autom.com

Each child will receive a gift set from the St. James Altar Society and a First Communion Bible from Fr. Betz.

1st Communion Retreat:

A retreat is planned for all the 2nd graders in the deanery on **Friday, April 26th, 2019**. It will be held at St. Joseph in Princeton this year. Your child will be in different activity groups during the day. The children will be participating in activities and projects that will help them prepare for their 1st Communion. All communicants are expected to be there and parents are also invited to come. You will need to bring a sack lunch – drinks will be provided for students. More information and permission forms will be sent home later.

1st Communion Mass:

During the 1st Communion mass each child will have a part(s). It may be a reading part or carrying something. These will be sent home about a month before so that the students will know what they are doing and have plenty of time to practice the reading parts so they can read them fluently during Mass.

There will also be a group song (I Received the Living God). You can find the music on the 2nd grade webpage at www.stjameshaubstadt.com.

Family Project:

Each child will be asked to make a banner at home with their family that will hang in church. The banner should have their first name along with some religious symbols relating to 1st Communion. There will be a small charge of \$4.00 to cover the cost of the material, dowel rod, and string used to hang the banner with. More information and burlap material will be sent home at a later date. Directions are included in this packet.

Whole Group Practice:

All the communicants will practice together on **Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30**. This is the Thursday night before 1st Communion. We will go through all the parts and answer any last minute questions. All communicants and at least one parent need to attend this practice.

