

## **FIRST EUCHARIST PRACTICE DATES AND TIMES 2018**

Dear Parent,

First Communion is such a special celebration. Many children are nervous, some have questions, everyone is excited. Below please see the practice schedule for our celebrations. Why do we have rehearsals for First Eucharist? **The rehearsals help to relax and reassure the children so that they can focus on their Eucharistic celebration.**

Saint Mary's school children practice during the school day, as well as at the joint rehearsal time given. Religious Education students have two rehearsal times, because their regular catechetical classes have already ended. Practices begin and end promptly. Sometimes they even end early. **You need to attend rehearsals with your child.** It will give you an opportunity to encourage your young person, check your assigned seating, and to leave as soon as the practice is finished. Those choosing to celebrate First Communion at a Mass other than the assigned times will have practice scheduled at the convenience of you, your child, and Mrs. Toenjes.\*

At practice the children also receive unconsecrated bread to help them prepare for final reception. If you and your child have decided that the child will receive under both forms, he or she may also practice receiving from the cup –**your presence is needed.** We cannot allow any student to taste the wine unless his or her parent is in attendance.

We realize that spring is another busy time of year. It is important, however, for you and your child to be present at your child's late afternoon or early evening practice(s). Please keep these times and dates available.

Thank you for your continued support and help. If you have any questions, please call the School or Religious Education Offices. God bless you!

- The School and Religious Education Staff and Volunteers

<u>1ST EUCHARIST MASS DATE/TIME</u>	<u>CATECHISTS/ TEACHERS</u>	<u>R.E. REHEARSAL</u>	<u>RE/SCHOOL JOINT REHEARSAL</u>
Sat. 5-5-18 4:30pm	Ms. Kelley (SMS) Ms. Medynskyj (RE-WA) Mrs. Sanchez (RE-WA) Mrs. Williams (RE-WE)	(Wed.) 5/2 5:00-6:15pm	(Thur.) 5/3 5:00-6:00pm
Sun. 5-6-18 11:30am	Ms. McClellan (SMS) Mrs. Czaplewski (RE-SI) Mrs. McBeath (RE-SI) Mrs. Rozalewicz (RE-FC)	(Wed.) 5/2 6:30-7:45pm	(Thurs.) 5/3 6:30-7:30pm

**On this FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND at Saint Mary Parish, you are also invited to celebrate First Communion at the 7:30 am Mass or 9:30 am Mass. Please contact us if you would prefer the 7:30 am Mass or 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 6 \***

\*practice will be scheduled