



**HOLY FAMILY**  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
*inviting all to new life in Christ*

## **2011-2012- First Eucharist Prep Schedule**

**Attendance by child and parent(s) is expected at prep sessions.**

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- **Parent Orientation – October 22, 2011...9 to 10 am**  
Program overview and requirements. (Parents only, please!)
  - **Session #1 – January 14, 2012...3:45pm session followed by Mass at 5pm**  
Session #1 is a child-friendly presentation on the meaning of Eucharist. Followed by Rite of Enrollment as part of the 5pm Mass – ALL families should plan on attending this Mass.
  - **Session #2 – February 10, 2012...6:30 to 8:30pm**  
Origins of Eucharist presentation and Last Supper skit
  - **Session #3 – March 10, 2012...9am to 11:30am – Mini Retreat**  
We will talk about examination of conscience and review the parts of the Mass. The children will also visit Fr. Terry in the Rectory. Families are asked to bring a loaf of bread (homemade or store-bought) to exchange and then pray over at home.
  - **Communal Reconciliation – March 19 OR March 21, 2012...7-8:30pm**  
Must sign up for either date. Children celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation – a requirement before their 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist. These are age-appropriate services.
  - **Session #4 – April 14, 2012...9am to Noon – Faith IN**  
A packed morning during which children will talk about how we prepare our body and soul before we receive Eucharist; put their handprints on what will become the altar cloth for First Eucharist Masses; practice receiving Communion, etc. A brief prayer service concludes the morning. Many hands are needed to make this session work. Please let us know if you can volunteer to help...847-359-0572.
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## **2012 FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION MASSES**

As you begin planning your child's celebration, following are your available options.

You will be required to provide a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate and a 2"x3" or 3"x5" photo of your child (photo will not be returned to you).

**LARGE GROUP MASSES** – these special liturgies are dedicated entirely to First Communicants and their families (children process in, participate as sprinklers, readers, table setters, gift bearers, etc.).

- **Saturday, May 5 – 10:30am** (attend rehearsal on May 4 at 6:30pm)
- **Saturday, May 12 – 10:30am** (attend rehearsal on May 11 at 6:30pm)

**WEEKEND MASSES** – these are regular Saturday (5pm) or Sunday (9am or 11am) liturgies and are limited to 10 families per Mass (first come/first served).