

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 9:30AM Mass** – Rite of Enrollment in Queen of Angels Church. Children are blessed and receive Mass Books and rosaries.
- **CCD CHILDREN – Sunday, March 13, 2016** – turn in completed First Communion banners.
- **SCHOOL CHILDREN – Monday, March 14, 2015** – turn in completed First Communion banners.
- **CCD CHILDREN – Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 3:00PM** – Pre-Communion Dinner for CCD children and parents in the Voss Center.
- **SCHOOL CHILDREN - Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 6:00PM** - Pre-Communion Dinner for school children and parents in the Guild Hall.
- **Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 6:30PM** – Practice for 10:30AM First Communion Mass. Please be on time.
- **Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 7:30PM** – Practice for 2:00PM First Communion Mass. Please be on time.
- **Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 10:30AM and 2:00PM** First Communion Masses in Queen of Angels Church. The children should be in the church basement no later than a half hour before the Mass:
  - 10:30AM Mass:** be in the basement by **10:00AM**
  - 2:00PM Mass:** be in the basement by **1:30PM**However, those taking individual pictures through Van Gogh should come **at least 1 hour before the Mass, arriving in the church basement at 9:30AM or 1:00PM**. Parents are asked not to come in the church basement with their children, but to take their places upstairs in church.

## PRAYER BOOKS AND ACCESSORIES

The children are allowed to have their Mass Books in the pew with them. However, they are **NOT** to carry them or rosaries, flowers, candles, baskets, etc. into church in the procession. Also, we ask that they do not wear flowers (corsages or bouquets) or gloves.

## SUGGESTED DRESS

It is suggested that **GIRLS** making their First Communion wear a white dress and a white veil and white shoes. You may prefer that your daughter wear something else. If so, please talk it over with her so that she is comfortable with what she is going to wear.

It is suggested that **BOYS** making their First Communion wear a suit or sport jacket with a shirt, tie, and pants of a coordinating color. White ties are fine, but are not required.

## SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

A **half pew** will be reserved for each child, their family and guests. Pews will be marked by hanging the banner each child has made at the end of the pew. Parents, family members and other guests are asked to take their places in their pew when they come into church. The children will walk into church in procession as a group and take their places at the end of the pew with their family members. **Please make sure to leave room for them to sit at the end of the pew closest to the aisle.** After Mass, you are asked to remain in your pew, and the children will go to the altar to take a group picture.

## PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS/DVD

Since this is a sacred occasion, no pictures or videos may be taken in the church until after Mass. **Cadena Video** will record both First Communion Masses. You can order a copy of your Mass on either VHS or DVD. **Van Gogh School Photographers** will be available to take still pictures of your child before your assigned Mass and a group picture of First Communicants immediately following the Mass. Order forms for both of these will be given out in April.

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### RECEIVING COMMUNION

When it is your child's turn to receive First Communion, the parents and/or other persons **sitting in the assigned half-pew** may accompany the First Communicant to the altar. After all First Communicants have received, those sitting in other parts of the church will have the opportunity to receive Communion.

### GODPARENTS

It is **NOT** required to choose godparents for First Communion. We encourage you to invite your child's Baptismal godparents to attend the First Communion Mass, along with any other family members and friends who are able to come and share in this happy day.

***If your family or culture has the tradition of choosing godparents for First Communion, you may do so.*** Godparents may accompany your child to the altar for Communion **ONLY** if they are sitting in the family's assigned half-pew.

Thank you for letting us help you to prepare your child to receive First Holy Communion. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 773-539-7510.

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# *Directives for First Communion on April 30, 2016*

*10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
Masses*



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