

St. Brigid of Kildare
First Communion Additional Information Sheet
2017-2018

Family Activities:

- Each First Communicant has the opportunity to bring up the gifts at the Sunday Mass. A wonderful tradition at Saint Brigid in preparation for your child's First Communion Day is bringing up the gifts at Sunday Mass. Bringing up the gifts is a wonderful way to help your child grow closer to receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. This involvement is easy and everyone in the family can participate. Please follow the link found on the Religious Education homepage to sign up for one Mass of your choice.
- Each First Communicant will make a First Communion banner. St. Brigid of Kildare Religious Education will provide the banner, the rod, and the ribbon already assembled. Each student in the Religious Education program and St. Brigid Elementary school has the freedom to make their own banner. This is completed in the February/March timeframe, and instructions will be provided by your Catechist or Teacher, respectively.
- A Mass Class activity following the Mass Class in April will be given to each family. This activity component will be completed at home as a family and will address the parts of the mass in a fun and creative manner.

First Communion Day:

- On the day of First Communion, please arrive one hour prior to your scheduled Mass time.
- Accessible seating for family members with disabilities: arrangements can be made at any time through the Religious Education Office. Please contact Teresa Hartzell at tgolamb-hartzell@stbrigidofkildare.org or (614) 761-1176.
- Out of courtesy for all families attending, we kindly ask that you do not save seats in the Church.
- Limited Seating: At St. Brigid we are so blessed to have such a large First Communion class. Due to fire safety codes there is a limited number of guests you may invite to the mass. This number is based on enrollment and will be announced at the February Parent Meeting.
- A photographer will be hired to take individual professional photographs of the First Communicant prior to the event. These pictures will be taken in Hendricks Hall and an online sign-up will be available in late April for you to choose your child's photography time. No flash photography is allowed during the mass, and you may not leave your seat to take a picture. A group photo is taken after each respective Mass in Hendricks Hall.

Attire for First Communion:

- Young men: A suit is recommended or simply dress pants, collared shirt, and a tie. A jacket or vest is usually worn.

- Young ladies: A dress is recommended. Most young ladies choose to wear a white dress and a veil. A veil is not required. Should the young lady wear gloves, please remove them for communion.