



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

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**“To be a vibrant community of faith where all people feel they belong”**

Dear First Eucharist families,

We are excited for your children to receive the sacrament of First Eucharist! Here are details you'll need to know.

## **PRACTICES & REHEARSAL WITH FR. MAUS**

The First Eucharist (Communion) Masses will be here soon, and we have in-class Practice #1 and Practice #2, as well as the rehearsal with Fr. Maus. Here are the details:

### **Practice #1** (tasting the unconsecrated bread and wine + practicing how to receive)

If your child attends **Faith Formation**, he or she should go to the practice that is during his/her Faith Formation class:

- Sunday, March 30, 9:30 a.m. in the St. Anne classroom

OR

- Wednesday, April 2, at either 4:00 p.m. OR 5:30 p.m. in the main church

If your child attends **Bishop Ryan**, choose the Practice #1 that works for you.

*Parents do not need to attend Practice #1. If you are a **Bishop Ryan** family, the Practice #1 will take about 20 minutes so please stay so you can take your child home as soon as he/she is done.*

*If you are a **Faith Formation** family, the children will continue with their class after the practice and be dismissed at the normal time.*

### **Practice #2** (practicing what they will do during the First Eucharist Mass – reading Prayers of the Faithful, carrying the offertory gifts, walking in procession, etc.)

For this practice, your child must attend the appropriate practice for their assigned First Eucharist Mass. Parents do not need to attend. Please see the following list to find the correct day/time for your child to attend Practice #2. If that day/time is different than their regular Faith Formation class, they should attend the assigned Practice #2 rather than the class.

*If you need to change your Mass date/time or cannot attend Practice #2, please tell me by Sunday, March 30, because we will be assigning First Eucharist Mass duties and seating that week.*

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**4:00 p.m., Saturday, Apr. 26, First Eucharist Mass**

*Practice #2 is Wednesday, April 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the main church.*

*Required rehearsal with Fr. Maus is at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, Apr. 26.*

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| Adelaide Anderson*     | Matthew Kline  | Oliver Schmidt                      |
| Gideon Anderson*       | Melvin Lenoir  | Adeline Smith                       |
| RaeLeigh Bercier Lemer | Mattie Longie  | Mick Washek                         |
| Pierceson Borgeson     | Addison Miller | Clementine Wentz                    |
| Henley DeCrans         | Cohen Niess    |                                     |
| Nixon Eckmann          | Morgan Ost     |                                     |
| Ivy Franklin           | Carter Page    | <i>* means they chose this Mass</i> |
| Tripp Fuller           | Wyatt Rhodes   | <i>instead of the assigned Mass</i> |
| Emmy Hallof            | Luke Sander    |                                     |
| Lyberty Johnston       | Quinn Schepp   | <b>24 total</b>                     |

**10:30 a.m., Sunday, Apr. 27, First Eucharist Mass**

*Practice #2 is either Sunday, April 6, at 9:30 a.m. OR*

*Wednesday, April 9, at 4:00 p.m. in the main church.*

*Required rehearsal with Fr. Maus is at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Apr. 26.*

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| Lani Anderson      | Jersey Johnson       | Brenley Sandstrom*                  |
| Cashden Armstrong* | Hayven Keyes         | Blake Sandvig                       |
| Joseph Borgerding  | Kateri Klein         | Stella Savelkoul                    |
| Addison Clark      | Sullivan Krueger     | Violet Stalheim                     |
| Grigor DeLorme     | Rayden Lichtenberger | Elle Stephens                       |
| Ryder Donamaria    | Maren Linster        | Andrew Thom                         |
| Lucy Forster       | Graham Mattson       | Naidelyn Villalobos Medina          |
| Layla Fyckes       | Samuel Mertz         |                                     |
| Staley Garbel      | Aliyah Nichols       | <i>* means they chose this Mass</i> |
| Benson Gathman     | Nylah Opiyo          | <i>instead of the assigned Mass</i> |
| Quinn Gleich       | Breyer Racine        |                                     |
| Ellie Huff         | Hayes Reisenauer*    | <b>31 total</b>                     |

Students who are not listed above will receive the sacrament on another date due to special circumstances: Samantha LaFontaine, Braxtyn Oswill. **2 total**

**TOTAL STUDENTS: 57**

*If you have questions or if there are any mistakes, please contact Tanya Watterud, Faith Formation Coordinator, at 701-839-6834 (office), [education1@olqminot.org](mailto:education1@olqminot.org), or text or call 701-219-3194. Thank you.*

**Required Rehearsal with Fr. Maus** is on Saturday, April 26, (9:00 a.m. April 26 for the 4:00 p.m. April 26 Mass, or 10:30 a.m. April 26 for the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 27). Attendance is a requirement and a parent must attend with the child. *If the child is ill that day, a parent or other adult should still attend without the child so that you will know what will happen.*

**Confessions prior to First Eucharist:** Every child must go to confession at least once during these weeks leading up to their First Eucharist Mass. Confession times from which you may choose are:

- during the Sunday, 9:20 a.m. Faith Formation classes on March 30 or April 6 (if you did not go to confession on March 23, the assigned day for the Sacramental Prep Sunday class)
- during the Wednesday, April 23, 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. Faith Formation classes
- on any Saturday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. or 5:30-6:00 p.m. (before/after the 4:00 p.m. Mass) – including on Saturday, April 26 (rehearsal day)
- on any Tuesday from 6:30-6:50 p.m.
- during our parish's Lenten Penance Service on Wednesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m.
- or by appointment by calling the parish office at 701-839-6834

**Homework:** All five homework lessons from the Blessed Communion workbook must be sent to me by April 6. (The sixth lesson is not required.) With 57 students receiving the sacrament, we have a lot of homework to go through.

**Pictures for the Banner:** A banner that includes a wallet-size (school style) photo of each of the students who are receiving First Eucharist is carried during the Masses. If you don't remember if you already gave me a wallet-size photo of your child for the banner, please check the banner hanging in the classroom hallway the next time you come to Mass. You may give me a printed photo or text/email me a photo and I will print it.

**Other notes:**

**Seating during the Mass:** Each family will be assigned one pew, which will be marked with the child's last name. The pews are assigned based on the duties the child has in the Mass (such as being a Gift Bearer, etc.). Extra family members who do not fit in the assigned pew may sit anywhere else in the church that is not assigned.

**First Communion Mass Attire:** Typically girls wear white dresses and sometimes veils, and boys wear suits or dress shirts, ties and dress pants. If the girls wear gloves, they need to take them off prior to receiving communion, if they will be receiving the consecrated host in the hand. Please check the photo frame by my office door to see what children wore last year.

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**Formal photographs:** Group and individual photos will be taken before the First Eucharist Masses by Gemar Photography of Minot (so you need to arrive 1 hour before your Mass time). Order information will be distributed.

**Celebrations after First Eucharist Masses:** After the Saturday Mass, we will have a reception with cake and beverages. For the Sunday Mass, a Knights of Columbus breakfast will be served, along with cake and beverages. All family members are invited to the receptions. Some families hold their family celebrations here at the church during these receptions (rather than having receptions at their homes).

**Commemorative gifts:** Many families give a gift to their child to help them remember their First Eucharist. The parish will give each child a First Communion Mass Book, which they may bring with them to Masses to follow along with the order of the Mass. Our Knights of Columbus often give the children rosaries, but it's okay if they get a second rosary from their family. If you want ideas for First Eucharist gifts, there are Catholic stores in Bismarck – Beloved Pearl Catholic Boutique, Ave Maria Bookstore, and Mayo Pharmacy; as well as a Christian store called Rainbow Shop. In Fargo, there are Hurley's Religious Goods and Holy Family Bookstore. You may also visit Autom online, or similar sites. A web search will bring up their addresses, locations, websites, etc.

This letter will also be emailed to you in case it doesn't reach you by postal mail. We are praying for your children and your families as First Eucharist Day approaches!

May God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tanya Watterud', written in a cursive style.

Tanya Watterud, Faith Formation Coordinator

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