

# THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK

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## FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAM 2011 DATES TO REMEMBER

**Parent Meeting – Tues. January 11, 2011 at either 5PM or 7PM OR Wed. January 12, 2011 at 5PM**

A parent is expected to attend this meeting. We will meet in the Barbara Cupp Memorial Auditorium of the Msgr. McCall Center. First Eucharist Materials Packets will be available; the cost of these materials is \$20 (checks made payable to St. Mark Church.) Registration deadline is Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**First Eucharist Enrollment Weekend – January 16, 2011 - 9:00AM Mass**

Parent(s) and children are encouraged to attend Mass as a family. During Mass the children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist will be called to come and stand at the Baptismal Font. At this time they will receive a blessing from Fr. and the entire parish will be called upon to witness, to pray, and to lend support as we share our faith with the children. I ask that you begin working with your child on making the sign of the cross regularly and teaching them that when they are blessing themselves with holy water or when the priest/ deacon blesses by sprinkling the holy water towards them they should make the sign of the cross.

**Eucharist Workshop Day – Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to Noon**

On this day the children will gather with the young people preparing for Confirmation. They will participate in prayer, activities and a special Seder Celebration reminding us of the very first celebration of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. The children will gather in the Barbara Cupp Memorial Auditorium of the Msgr. McCall Center.

*\*Any parent interested in helping with this event is welcome – you will be able to sign up at the parent meeting.*

**Individual First Eucharist Photos (optional) – Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm**

A professional photographer will be here. Packets of information and signing up for times will be available at the parent meeting.

**Interviews – Tuesday and Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> \*times will be scheduled by family between 5PM and 7:30PM**

Children and parent(s) are interviewed by a parish staff member or catechist as to determine the readiness of the child for the sacrament and to help answer any questions that either the child or parent may have. If you know in advance that there is a conflict with these dates please let us know as soon as possible so that we may schedule a makeup interview time.

**Group Celebration of First Eucharist – Saturday May 7, 2011 at 10:00am**

Practice is Thursday May 5, 2011 at 6:30pm and is required for anyone participating in the Group Celebration only. Children celebrating during a regular weekend Mass will not have a rehearsal.

**Individual Celebration of First Eucharist – any regularly scheduled Mass from May 7<sup>st</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Families may schedule these celebrations from the 4PM Mass on May 7<sup>st</sup> through May 29, 2011 Masses are limited to two children per Mass and are scheduled on a first come first serve basis. Requests must be noted on the Enrollment Registration Form.