

Is my child ready for First Communion instruction?

The following questions can help you determine the readiness of you and your child to receive her or his first Holy Communion:

Has your child been baptized?

Is your child comfortable in various locations around the church, including the Altar?

Is your child asking questions about Holy Communion?

Does your child extend his or her hands for the bread, when at the altar for a blessing?

Does your child recognize the pastor and seem to be able to interact well enough to receive the elements (bread and wine)?

Is your child aware enough of others in the congregation and their needs to show a degree of respect for their communion experience?

Are you prepared to help make the process positive?

Are you prepared to continue to fulfill the promises you made at your child's baptism to bring him or her regularly to the Lord's Table?

Some children seem ready at a very early age to participate, while others may not be interested until they are older. Some also decide to only receive the bread, which is quite appropriate too.

Pastor Kari is also willing to help parents in the discernment process.