

## Family First Communion Procedures---2023

**\*One pew per family reserved in middle sections 2-5. If other family members arrive 15 min before Mass there should be plenty of seating in other pews.**

**\*Please arrive 15 minutes before Mass and **CHECK IN with the priest or deacon.****

**\*First communicants will participate in the opening procession. Cantor will announce their names.**

**\*After homily, cantor will call 1<sup>st</sup> communicants up to top step of the sanctuary (turn and face the people) for the renewal of baptismal promises with the assembly. Response is “I do.”**

*If there is a Baptism, the children will be invited to the baptismal font to observe the Baptism and will renew their vows there along with the vows made by the family and whole congregation.*

**\*At the Our Father, the students will come forward to the altar and stay there until they receive Communion. Then they will return their pews and distribution to the congregation will continue in the normal fashion.**

**\*The priest will say “Body of Christ” student should answer “Amen” and priest will place host in his/her hands. Student will then consume the host and return to the family pew.**

**\*It is an option this year for students to receive from the cup as well. *You should decide with your child if they will receive from the cup before the Mass.* If they will receive from the cup it is recommended that you let them try a sip of wine at home ahead of time.**

**\*Priest will call up 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants at the end of Mass to the sanctuary for recognition (applause).**

**\*Certificates will be on the Welcome Center for you to pick up!!**

**\*Things may not go exactly according to these guidelines, but the priest will make sure to direct the children as needed and make sure they are where they need to be.**