



From the Office of Elementary Faith Formation

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DRESS CODE – First Communion is an occasion to dress up. The Rite is a Semi-Formal event. This doesn't mean wearing something flashy or provocative. The nature of this holy celebration is conservative. We call this kind of attire your "Sunday Best."

Recommendations for First Communion attire at St. Jude are simple:

- **Girls:** Traditionally, girls wear a white dress, which is a reminder of their Baptism and a symbol of purity. A cream color dress is acceptable. We do not require a veil. About half of our girls wear a veil others choose flowers, ribbons or a tiara. It is acceptable if our girls wear nothing on their head. Girls should avoid tank tops, spaghetti straps unless they have a shrug, cardigan or blazer. Clothing should not be too tight or too short. Dress shoes, stockings or socks are appropriate.
- **Boys:** Boys should wear a solid-color shirt with a collar and a tie. Their dress trousers should be a solid color, blue, black or gray is an excellent choice. It certainly is ok for your son to wear white dress slacks. We do not require you to purchase a suit or a sports coat but wearing one is perfectly acceptable for boys to wear a jacket. Dark dress shoes and socks are appropriate.

Photographer :

This Communion Mass is very special we know! Please help teach your TEEN the reverence of the Sacrifice of the Mass by **NOT** taking photos when they are receiving the precious Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This act distracts you and others with the photos. We have set aside time after the Mass for posed photos. Father Thu will join you for pictures too! A professional photographer is scheduled for the group Mass only.

Religious Items: The blessing of religious gifts will be done after Mass.

Children scheduled for Community Mass times need to arrive 20 minutes before the Mass time. Families and the Communicant will have one bench reserved.

The Most Important thing you can do for your TEEN is to be involved with their studies, answer questions and **pray, pray, pray** for them. Encourage them to keep coming to Holy Communion, and remember they can become an altar server once they have received their First Holy Communion.