

Making a First Communion Banner for St. Bernard

To help celebrate First Communion Day, we are asking each family to prepare a small banner. This banner will show what the Eucharist means to your child and to your family. On First Communion Day, it will be used to decorate and reserve your family pew.

Please help your child make the banner. Be sure to incorporate your child's ideas. I do ask that your banner include your Communicant's name and the date of First Communion, April 24, or 25 2010. The finished banner should measure 12"X15". I have heard that asking each of you to purchase your own supplies allowed each family more freedom to express themselves. Please use white or off-white for your background. The background fabric could be burlap or felt, sailcloth or any other material that works well.

To complete your banner, please attach a wooden dowel and string, yarn, ribbon, or other type of cord to hang your banner.

Some other creative ideas that could be used would be to write a Communion Prayer, or even use cross-stitch. Be as creative as your family would like to be. But please use symbols of the Eucharist. Samples of these are at the bottom of the page.

Please bring your child's completed banner to the practice on Saturday, April 24th.

Some suggested writings to get you started are:

The gift of Eucharist
The bread of life
One Bread, One Body
We celebrate Eucharist
Take and Eat

Symbols you might use include:

Bread and Wine
A Cross
Host and Chalice
Fish (and early symbol of Christianity)
Wheat and Grapes

Please stay within or close to these dimensions. Larger banners tend to drag on the floor!!!