



Communion Blessings

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Mass Communion Preference

Each week students in grades 1-4 and 5-8 will attend Mass. The Mass, also called the Holy Communion, the Holy Eucharist, or the Lord's Supper in other Christian churches, is a rite that dates back to Jesus and his disciples' Last Supper. The focal point of the Mass is the Holy Communion, a sacred meal which remembers the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

At Mass, the children and teachers come forward to be blessed in one of two ways. Those who have been baptized in the Christian faith, and who customarily receive Communion in their own church, may receive Communion at St. Michael's, in the form of an unleavened wafer of consecrated Bread, which may be reverently dipped into the consecrated Wine, if their family wishes. No communicant is required to receive the consecrated Wine. Those who do not receive Communion will receive a verbal blessing from the Priest.

In the following sections, please discuss with your child whether to receive Communion or a verbal blessing and mark the appropriate box so that we may follow your wishes, and your family's custom.

Family Religious Background / Practice

So that we can have a better understanding of the religious and spiritual diversity of our school community, please indicate below your family's belief and practice. In the following sections, please check all that apply.

- Episcopal / Anglican (please specify congregation below)
- Roman Catholic
- Orthodox Christian
- Lutheran
- Methodist
- Presbyterian or Reformed
- Baptist
- Pentecostal
- Latter Day Saints
- Other Christian Church (please specify below)
- Non-denominational

- Jewish
 - Reform
 - Conservative
 - Orthodox
- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Shinto
- Islam

- Other religious or spiritual tradition

- We do not practice any religion

- We would prefer not to say

- My child may receive Communion - Bread only
- My child may receive Communion - Bread and wine
- My child may receive the verbal blessing