

May 2, 2010

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Gospel

(Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35)

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

As *KidsRelig* ends the year, Jesus says it all:

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Second Annual *KidsRelig* Fundraiser!

This week (May 4, 5, 6), we will all celebrate our last days together at *KidsRelig* until we meet again next fall.

Middlers from Bell and Seven Bridges will have a giant pizza party during their periods on Tuesday and Thursday.



Middlers from Bell have been asked to volunteer to stay and help with **WO** for the second session; Seven Bridges Middlers have been asked to do the same for **RB**. And if any Middler can make it here for

Grafflin on Wednesday, much appreciated.



Elementaries will have races and games outside and face painting and other fun things to do.



We will end the day and the year with ice cream sundaes!

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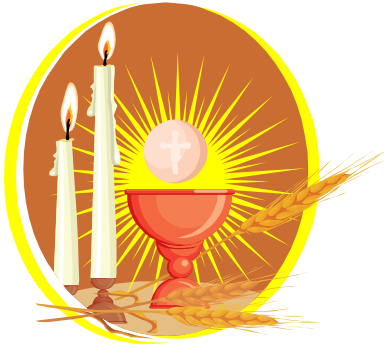
When parents come to pick up the **Elementaries**, there will be shopping bags under the front portico with Grade #s on them. The kids will ask **YOU, THE PARENTS**, to throw in a dollar or two.



Middlers have been asked to suggest names of charities to receive our donations. We will draw 3 names from all the suggestions. **Middlers** have also been asked to bring a dollar or two of their own to contribute.



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FIRST COMMUNION NEWS

Dear Parents,

Our First Communion Kids have been working hard making their own ***First Missals***. This hard work has taught them about the Mass; how it is a time of Welcome, Listening to God's Word, Setting the Lord's Table, Sharing the Body and Blood of Christ and Being Sent into the World as God's Children. Now, we begin our rehearsals for First Holy Communion on May 22nd. The Rehearsal Schedule is below.

TICKETS: Many have asked about the tickets for First Holy Communion. I will be issuing those tickets ***BY EMAIL***. There are four (4) per family. These tickets permit each family to have four (4) seats in the front section of the church, i.e., the pews in front of the break in the middle of the church at the tabernacle and baptismal font and blue chairs in front of the Crying Room. This seating is not assigned, but on a first-come-first-served basis. The rest of the church is open seating. Our experience is that there is room for everyone.

What should you parents be doing to prepare the kids in these last weeks before First Holy Communion? You should be bringing your kids with you to Sunday Mass, talking to them about how Jesus will come into their lives in a special way and praying with them and for them. And then, you should read every email I send you and ask me anything you don't understand by sending me an email reply.

In the next 10 days, I will be sending information about the "job" each kid will have during First Communion Mass, the kids' seating at Mass, photography during Mass and your tickets. Keep checking your E-Mailbox.

Deacon Charlie

First Communion Rehearsals
(All rehearsals from 3:45 – 5:00 PM)

5/11 & 5/18
WO & Ms Walsh's Class(Grafflin)

5/13 & 5/20
RB & Ms. Aurora's Class(Grafflin)

*****There is NO Bus Transportation on these Rehearsal Days. Parents must provide their own transportation.**