



# St. Patrick Religious Ed

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March 23, 2009

Dear Third Grade and RCIC Families,

We have come to another milestone in our preparation for First Eucharist! Today we are providing you the information for the children's First Communion Banner!

These banners will hang on the end of your family's pew on the day of First Communion so you will want to spend time working with your child to help prepare their banner. These banners will be a reminder of this special day for years to come.

The guidelines for preparing the banner are enclosed. The banners must include the child's name on the front. As we said the banners will hang on the end of their pew and the names on the banner serve as a "nametag" of sorts, therefore it is very important to that every child returns a banner.

Banners should be an expression of each First Communicant! Your child may use any color felt they wish and should use their creativity in their expression.

We will have patterns for some symbols on our website if you need ideas, however, it is NOT required that you use them.

Banners should be returned on or before our April 26<sup>th</sup> session. They can be brought with the children to SRE and submitted to their catechist.

If you know that you will not be able to attend the April 26<sup>th</sup> session, please let us know and we can make arrangements for drop off at the rectory PRIOR to the session.

Please remember to attend our VERY important First Communion practice session on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-3 pm in the New Church. The day of First Communion is a exciting time with many activities going so it is very important that you and your child attend the practice session to help the day go smoothly for your family.

Boy's white ties are usually available at stores that sell First Communion wear (dresses, etc.). They can also be purchased on line at a number of websites such as [www.autom.com](http://www.autom.com) and [www. Personalcreations.com](http://www.Personalcreations.com). At the Personal Creations website, you can personalize the tie with a name and date of First Communion. We also have a couple in our office. We will place an order from Autom on April 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in ordering a tie from Autom, please email the style and catalog number to Jami by Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Payment will be due when ties are picked up.

Lastly, a reminder, we need have a copy of your child's baptismal certificate on file. If they were baptized here at St. Pat's, we just need the date and can locate the information in the parish files. Copies of Certificates can be submitted at the rectory during the week or to your child's catechist.

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If you have not already, please provide a copy of your child's baptismal certificate no later than our next session on April 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Mandy Spriegel ([ASpiegel@stpatrickwadsworth.org](mailto:ASpiegel@stpatrickwadsworth.org)) or Jami as soon as possible.

We want this to be a beautiful day for your family, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

*Peace,*

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## FIRST COMMUNION BANNER ~A FAMILY PROJECT~

The finished banner should measure 12" wide by 18" long.

### Supplies Needed:

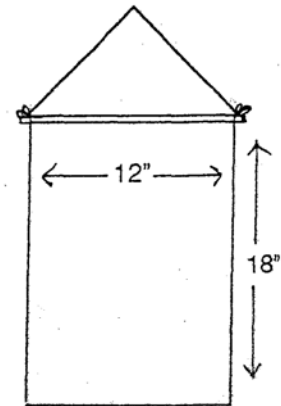
~ A piece of felt large enough to make a 12" wide by 18" long finished banner.

~Felt scraps, fabric paint, stencils, buttons, trims

~Dowel rod (13.0" – 13.5" long)

~Cord, yarn or ribbon for hanging

~Fabric glue (e.g. Tacky Glue or Sobo)



### Directions:

~The banner designs should symbolize the child's gifts from Jesus and the child's gifts to Jesus.

~Paint or glue symbols on to the banner

~Include your child's FIRST name as part of the design on the front of the banner

~Fasten the banner to the dowel rod and attach a hanger cord to the ends of the dowel rod.

~Write your child's first and last name on the BACK of the banner

~Send your child's banner to their catechist or the SRE office in the rectory no later than our Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> session.



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~ If you will not be at the April 26<sup>th</sup> session, please contact Jami to make arrangements to submit your banner PRIOR to the April 26<sup>th</sup> session.

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