

# The Celebration of First Holy Communion



Almost 140 children celebrated their First Holy Communion the weekend of May 1/2. Fr. Jim McDougall and Fr. James Conlon were the main celebrants at a total of 5 Masses, which allowed for the families of the First Communicant to be gathered with their child at the time of reception. Both priests asked the children questions about the Eucharist and the Mass during their homilies. Fr. Jim spoke of our belonging together because of our baptism and of the deeper unity we have with one another through the Eucharist. Fr. James teased the children, asking them if they were here to be married, then emphasized the great gift in the Eucharist that they were about to receive.

Indeed the children have received a great gift and we as a community at St. Francis are ready to assist them as they grow in wisdom, grace, and favor with the Lord.

