

# First Holy Communion Mass – Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025

9:30 AM - Please have children arrive by 9:00 AM at the School Building.

The Church will be open from 8:00 am on - Mass is approximately one hour.

Weather permitting students will come to the school building and we will walk over to the church together. Students will process in and sit together. In case of rain students will come to the church directly. If that is the case, I'll send an e-mail the morning of. There will be seats reserved for parents and very young children that can sit on parent's laps. Seating for all others will be open seating, anywhere except the reserved parent's seats. Each student will be able to have up to 6 total guests. That is parents and 4 additional. Tickets will not be issued. The mass will be live streamed. Following mass and pictures First Eucharist Certificates will be distributed in the Cry Room.

## Pictures:

Out of reverence for the mass, walking around the church to take pictures during the liturgy will not be allowed. Pictures may only be taken from your seat during mass. At the conclusion families will be able to take pictures on the altar as well as outside. Please show reverence during pictures on the altar.

## Dress Code:

Girls: White dress (no hoops, or crinoline please), white veil, white socks (anklets, knee socks or stockings), white dress shoes. No gloves, please.

Boys: Navy blue, black or white suit, white shirt, white tie, dress shoes.

Children are not to wear or carry flowers during the Mass please.

## First Eucharist Practice:

There will be one practice for students on Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:45 pm in the church. We ask children to be dropped off and picked up after practice. It will be for 1 hour and 15 minutes. We will practice the procession, how to receive Communion, and other important aspects of the Mass, prayers, and responses as well as the music.

## Family Day:

In preparation for First Eucharist, we will have Family Day on Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> 2025 from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm in the school building.

It will be for students and at least one parent. I ask only 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children, please. We'll have bagels, coffee, tea, juice, water, games, stories, and crafts.

**First Penance – April 2025 Exact Dates to be Determined.**  
**It will be Multiple Weekday evenings.**

Children will be seated by their class. Signs will be posted on the pews. Children will go directly to their seats when they arrive. Parents may be seated in the rows behind or near the classes.

**Please leave a few extra empty pews between parents and children.**

The Prayer service, which will last approximately 40 minutes, consists of:

Opening Prayer, Reading from Scripture, Homily, Examination of Conscience, Act of Contrition, Confession, Penance.

**PICTURE OR VIDEO TAPING IS NOT ALLOWED TO PROTECT THE SEAL OF CONFESSION.**  
**PARENTS, PLEASE REMAIN AT YOUR SEATS DURING THE SERVICE.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION is face-to-face. Confessionals will not be used.

While seated and waiting for the service to begin, children should sit silently and reflect on some of the ways in which they may have separated themselves from God's love:

- Have we not told the truth?
- Have we been hurtful to others?
- Do we obey our parents, and grown-ups in our lives?
- Have we taken anything that does not belong to us?

**Children should know the *Act of Contrition***; however, they will read it together as a group before approaching the priest.

When they approach the priest, they sit down, pray the Sign of the Cross, and say:  
**"Bless me Father for I have sinned; this is my First Confession."**

Father will talk to them and give them their penance – children should know their prayers (The Our Father, Hail Mary and The Glory Be). The priest will give them absolution.

Children will return to their seats, kneel, and pray the prayers given to them by the priest. When they have finished praying, they will leave the church **quietly** as other children are celebrating the Sacrament.

**First Reconciliation Dress Code: Appropriate church attire.**

## Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done on earth as  
it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

## Act of Contrition

My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with  
all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above  
all things.

## Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning  
is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen.

## Hail Mary

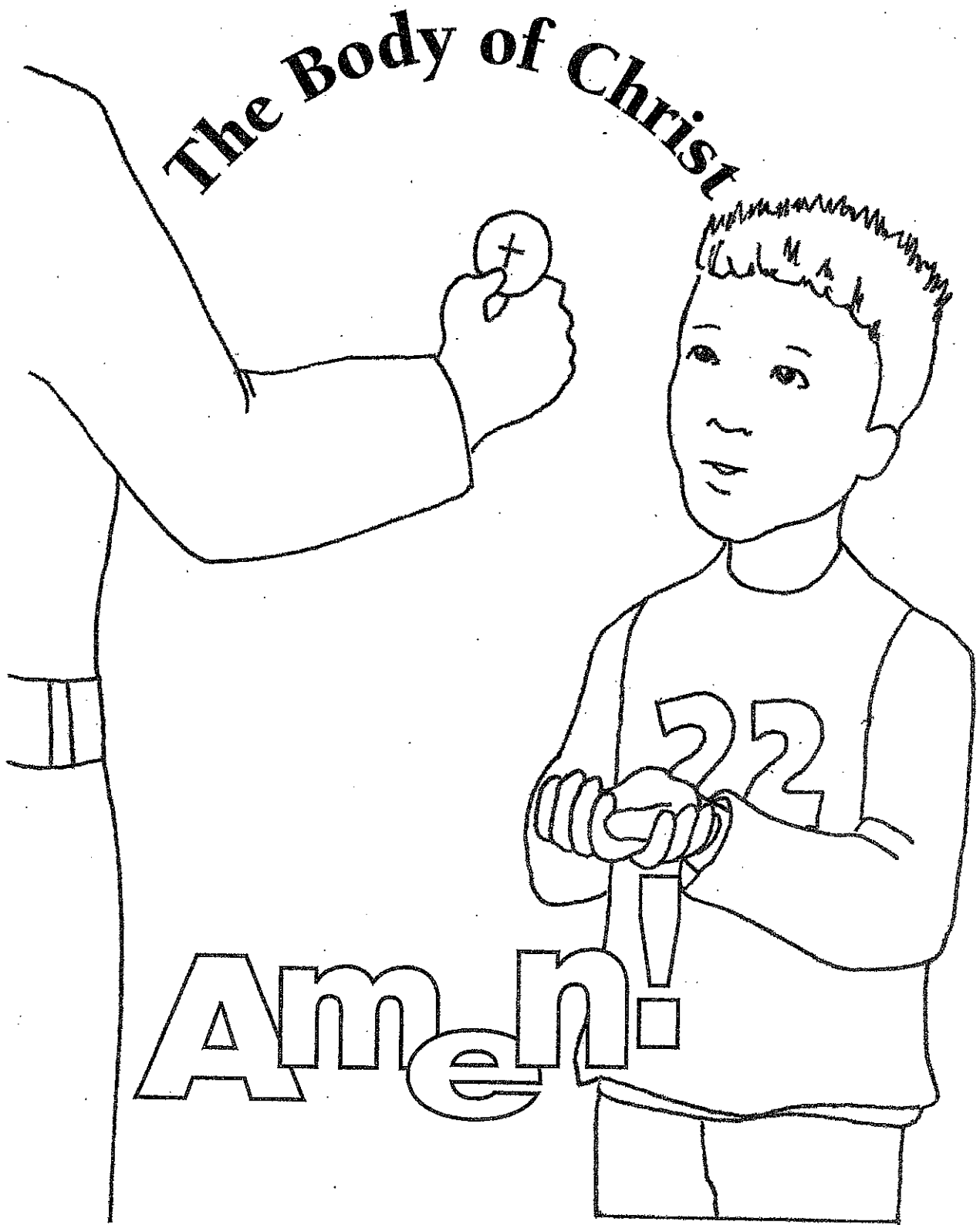
Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you!  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your  
womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of  
our death.

Amen.

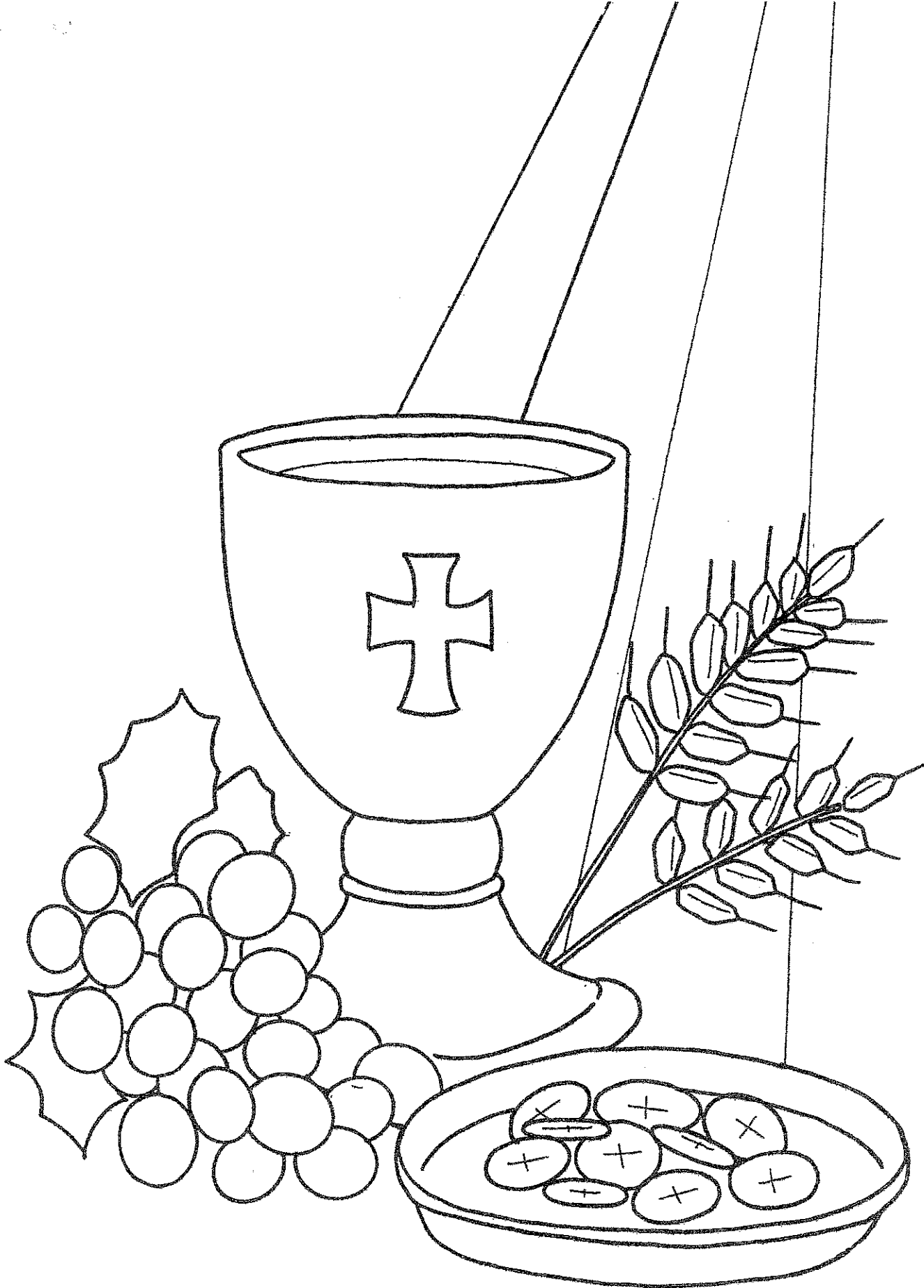
I firmly intend, with your help,  
to do penance,  
to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever  
leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ  
suffered and died for us.  
In his name, my God,  
have mercy.

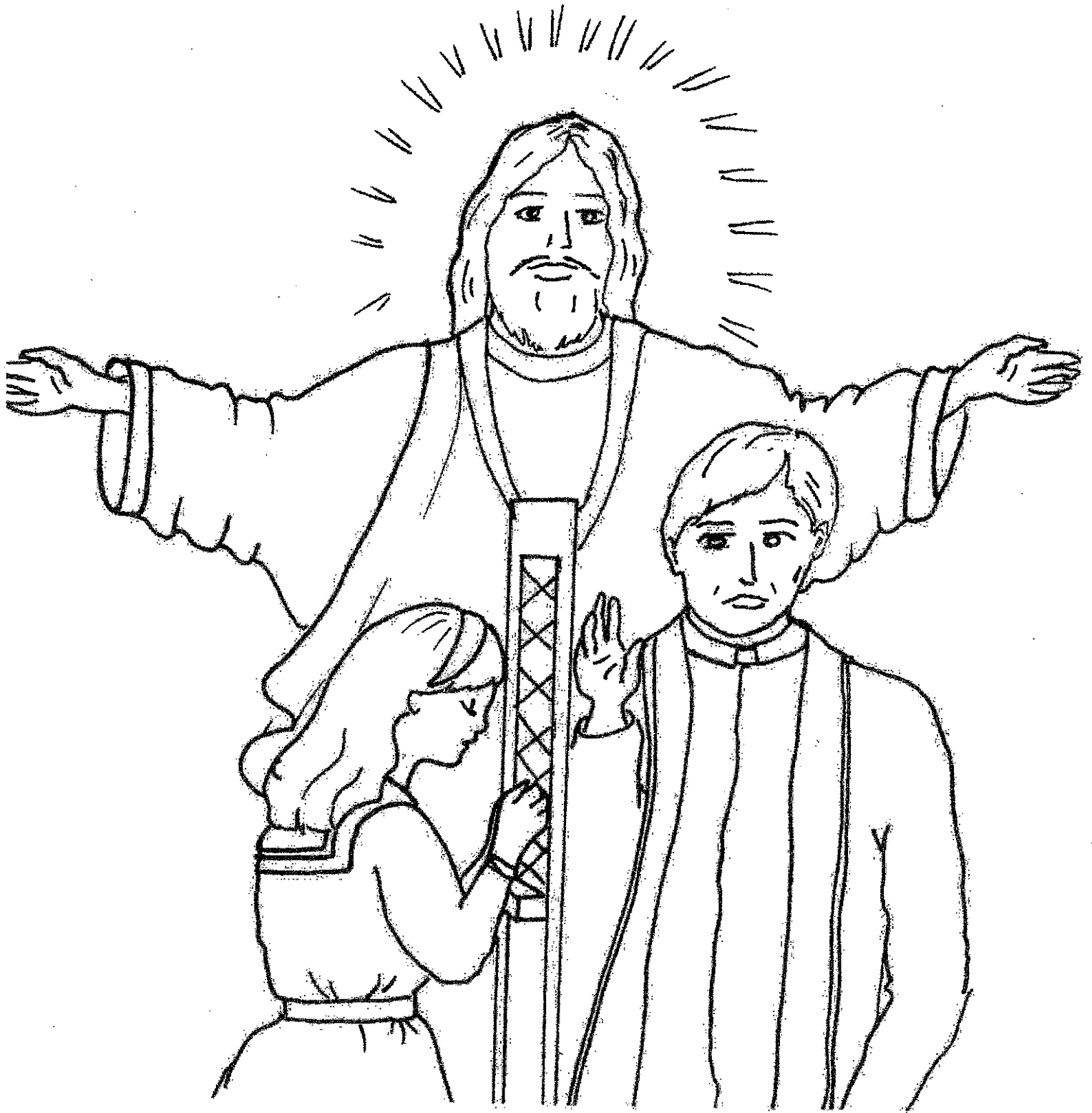


## **The Body of Christ**

We receive Jesus in Holy Communion. We know this is the Body of Christ. Dear God, help us to become more like Jesus. Help us to be the Body of Christ.



**The Body and Blood of Christ**



We tell our sins to the Priest, who takes the place of Jesus,  
Who forgives us in His Name.

# *St. Clement Nativity Play*

*Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Church*

*Please join us as our talented young actors and  
singers present the story of*

*The Birth of our Savior.*



- All students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades are welcome to participate, however it is optional and not a requirement.
- The first meeting will be Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm in the church and will last 45 minutes. We'll go over the roles and see who would like to be what. Also, at that meeting we'll go over the songs and the script briefly.
- Signing up is not necessary simply come on November 26<sup>th</sup>
- Additional practices will be scheduled and will be e-mailed and posted on the website.

## *Other Events but Not Required*

- **Pumpkin Decorating Event** – Sunday October 27th at Noon outside the Gym
- **Birthday Cards for Jesus** – Sunday December 1st at Noon in the Gym
- **Movie Night** – Sunday December 1st at 6:00 pm in the Gym
- **Parish Tree Lighting** – Saturday December 7th following 5:00 pm Mass
- **Santa Comes to St. Clement** – Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> will be from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm in the School Building
- **Valentine Cards for the Troops** – Anytime between Noon and 2:00 pm in the School Building
- **Living Stations of The Cross** – Good Friday Evening April 18th in the Church
- **Easter Egg Hunt** – Easter Sunday April 20th following the 11:00 am Mass
- **Crowning of the Blessed Mother** - May 4<sup>th</sup> following the 8:00 am Mass. First Eucharist children are invited to take part in the procession and wear their Communion outfits. There will be refreshments served.