

Keepsake Doll Instructions

The theme for First Eucharist is **Let the Little Children Come to Me**. Each child in the St. Brendan school and Faith Formation programs may decorate a First Eucharist keepsake doll to represent them as a child of God.

The dolls will be displayed around the walls of the church during the First Communion ceremony, labeled with each child's name in a balloon. This is a lovely tradition which presents a visual presentation of how individually and together we are God's children.

This is a **family project**, with the primary work being done by the child. It should not be an elaborate demonstration of a child (or parent's) artistic prowess.

The deadline to return your doll to Mrs. Stanko is Sunday, April 28, 2019

General Instructions

You and your child will cut out the doll and "dress" it to look like your child. The doll can be dressed in any style – First Communion clothes, sports, dress-up clothes, favorite activity, etc. Keep in mind this will be displayed in church. The attire should be appropriate for the sanctuary.

Format & Structure

- **Keep the doll flat at all times, do not fold or roll**
- Write your child's name on the back of the doll
- The shape of the doll must stay as-is (do not change the shape after it is cut out.)
- The face should be drawn, not a photograph of the child
- Nothing should be on the back of the doll, as it will be taped to the church wall
- The head should not be top heavy (i.e. too much yarn or material) or it will fall off
- You may have the doll "holding" something – a ball, a cross, rosary, flag, etc. but it needs to be small and flat and pre-attached to the doll.
- The doll may be "3D" but again, needs to be stable enough to stay taped to the wall.

Permitted Materials

- Paper
- Yarn
- Felt
- Lightweight Fabric
- Pieces of old clothes
- Ribbon
- Buttons
- Coloring or drawing directly on the doll
- Really anything that is not too heavy – i.e. fake fur or the like would be too heavy