



YOU ARE INVITED!

Dear First Communicant,

We would like to extend a special invitation to you and your family to come and celebrate with Bishop Peter on Sunday, June 19, 2022 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for our Diocesan Corpus Christi Mass and Procession. Our whole Diocese will be gathering with the Bishop for this very special celebration, but as a First Communicant you have a very special role to play in our procession. We would like to invite you to join the procession in front of Bishop Peter in your First Communion outfit and place flower petals on the ground in front of him as he carries the Monstrance.

Here are the details:

- Mass begins at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral
- Immediately following Mass, Bishop Peter will process out of the Church with the Monstrance. First Communicants (and a parent or catechist) will gather under the First Communion sign outside the Church and assemble to join the procession.
- Together we will process down 5th Street to the Memorial Park Bandshell. Once at the park, Bishop Peter will lead us in Benediction and the Knights of Columbus will serve a picnic.
- Buses will be available from 6:30 – 7:30 pm to bus families back to their cars at the Cathedral.
- Please bring:
 - A small basket with flower petals in it. Catechists at the Cathedral have, in the past, asked local florists to save flower petals for about a week prior to the Procession and they have done so and given those to First Communicants at no charge. Peony petals also work well and are often in bloom in late June. Alternately, you can purchase a few roses and take the petals off. Petals should be refrigerated until that afternoon to help keep them fresh.
 - Families are asked to bring water bottles for the walk and a lightweight blanket for the picnic. There are a limited number of picnic tables at the park.
 - Families are encouraged to let us know you are coming either by letting your pastor or teacher know or by signing up at: <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/revival/> (further details are also posted here).

We are very much looking forward to seeing you in June!

Blessings,

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