## **First Communion**

After Baptism, the next step in growing in the Christian faith and in the community of believers is First Communion. Every week, baptized people around the world gather around Jesus in the Eucharist. Thus grows a communion with Him as well as with each other. With First Communion, parents actively choose to let the child continue to grow up in the tradition of the Church.

First Communion is an interplay between school, family and parish. In our parish, First Communion continues in the second year of elementary school. It is not an obligation but a conscious choice you make as parents and child.

The first communion process runs over two school years and looks as follows:

In the first grade, parents register through the parish to participate in First Communion in the second grade.

Parents and children who wish to opt for this but whose child has not yet been baptized may apply for baptism at that time.

Baptism will take place during the first year of primary school.

In our parish, a Eucharistic celebration with children's services ("kinderwoorddienst") takes place every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. in the Abdijkerk in Ninove.

Parents and children are always cordially invited. As a parent you can bring your child into contact with the course of the Eucharist and Communion, in which they will be able to participate fully on the day of their First Communion.

In the second grade there will be further communication about the preparation process at school and in the parish.

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