



Dress Code and Modesty Guidelines for the Diocese of Green Bay First Holy Communion and Confirmation Candidates

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops state that “as Christians we should dress in a modest manner, wearing clothes that reflect our reverence for God and that manifest our respect for the dignity of the liturgy and for one another” (*Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper*, p. 15). To this end, First Communion candidates, Confirmation candidates, and sponsors are expected to wear their “Sunday best” attire as is appropriate for Church and for participation in the sacred liturgy.

First Holy Communion

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds all those preparing to receive Holy Communion that “bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest” (CCC, 1387).

Expected Boys Attire - First Holy Communion	Expected Girls Attire - First Holy Communion
Dress Slacks & Collared, Button-Down Shirt tucked in. White Shirt recommended (sign of purity). Optional: Tie, Sport Coat, Vest.	Dress; Skirt & Blouse; Dress Slacks & Blouse. White/Off-White clothing recommended (sign of purity). Optional: Simple veils or hair dress.
Jeans, Cargo Pants, and Shorts are not allowed.	Dresses that are strapless or with spaghetti straps are not appropriate/not allowed unless a sweater or shawl is worn over to cover chest / shoulders. Dresses may not be backless or low cut. Dress/Skirt length must be modest (at or below knee). Jeans, Cargo Pants, and Shorts are not allowed.
Dress Shoes.	Dress Shoes with appropriate flat or low heels.

Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors

Expected Boys Attire - Confirmation	Expected Girls Attire - Confirmation
Dress Slacks & Collared, Button-Down Shirt tucked in. Optional: Tie, Sport Coat, Vest.	Dress; Skirt & Blouse; Dress Slacks & Blouse. Optional: Simple veils or hair dress.
Jeans, Cargo Pants, Shorts, and T-Shirts are not allowed.	Dresses that are strapless or with spaghetti straps are not appropriate/not allowed unless a sweater or shawl is worn over to cover chest / shoulders. Dresses may not be backless or low cut. Dress/Skirt length must be modest (at or below knee). If above knee, leggings must be worn (not tights/hose). Jeans, Cargo Pants, Shorts, and T-Shirts are not allowed.
Dress Shoes.	Dress Shoes with appropriate low heels.

Additional Guidelines for Clothing, Shoes, etc.

Tennis Shoes/Sneakers, Spiked-Heeled Shoes, Flip-Flops are NOT allowed.
*Wear shoes you can comfortably stand and walk in.

Top/dress/shirt should not be sheer unless it is layered over an opaque top/dress/shirt.

All clothing and shoes should be clean and neat (no rips, holes, or stains).

Evening gown/semi-formal attire is not appropriate. No hoop dresses or wide dresses that will not fit comfortably in church pews.
No tuxedos. No corsages or boutonnieres.

Questions? Please contact the Diocese of Green Bay Office of Catholic Schools or Office of Religious Education.