

NORMS FOR THE DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND CONCERNING
THE USE OF COMMUNION SERVICES ON WEEKDAYS

1. Communion services are not to held on Sundays or weekdays without the permission of the diocesan bishop. (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* 166)
2. This does not apply to communion services for the sick and elderly in nursing homes or other health care facilities which are to be done according to the norms in the Roman Ritual in the “Pastoral Care of the Sick.” Permission is also given for communion services to be held for prisoners should the need arise.
3. General permission is hereby granted for weekday communion services in parishes during Priests’ Days of Continuing Education and Diocesan Priests’ Retreats.
4. Should other occasions arise when the pastor of a parish feels that a communion service is necessary, he should write to the diocesan bishop for permission.
5. Communion services should be conducted according to the Roman Ritual in “Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass.” The minister of communion should be, in order of preference, a deacon (who is an ordinary minister), an instituted acolyte (such as a seminarian), or another extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.

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