



May 4, 2022

Dear Families:

My brother was born when I was close to eight years old, so for around seven and half years, I was an only child. I was also my maternal grandparents' only grandchild. You can probably see where I'm going with this...I was a little spoiled, and I'm afraid my own daughter is headed down the same path. She too is an only child, and she's the only grandchild for both my wife's parents and my own. Needless to say, she wants for very little.

However, there are times when she doesn't get what she wants. Thankfully, she doesn't throw any tantrums or fits. Instead, her face turns red, her chin wrinkles, and few tears run down her face. Grandma and Grandpa usually fall for this most of the time—but when I saw this reaction from her during the Easter Vigil Mass last month, I was confused.

When I came back to our pew after receiving Holy Communion, I saw “the face” and a few tears. I whispered to my wife, “What's wrong?” Apparently, my daughter wanted to eat what we were having, and my wife said she couldn't have one yet; she would have to wait until she was a little older. My daughter wanted the Eucharist.

I share this story with you because this Saturday some of our second graders will receive Holy Communion for the first time. I'm sure they're all very excited, as they should be. Their outfits are all ready and celebrations are planned, but the enthusiasm and anticipation shouldn't end after week one. Our First Communicants—and all of us—should be eager to receive the Eucharist every week...but are we? How many of us still yearn to receive Communion with such fervor that it brings us to tears?

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

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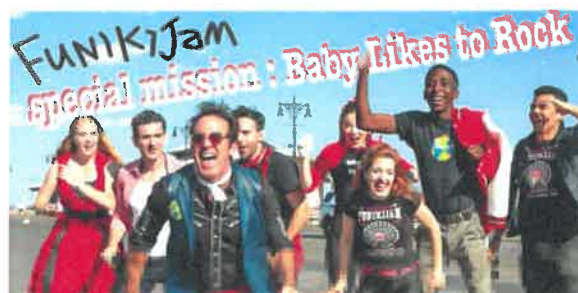
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