

## St. Raphael Parish, Milford

### First Eucharist (Holy Communion) – 2024 Program Schedule

Here is the schedule of required classes for our 2024 First Eucharist (First Communion) program.

Also, please note that the Archdiocese of Hartford now requires the Child Lures Prevention Safety Program, scheduled in late January, for all families with children in Grade 1 or older. The in-person sessions are currently scheduled for Jan 21 and Jan 23—as part of our GIFT program. Thank you!

<b>In-Person Sessions (for children with a parent/guardian)</b>	<b>Description</b>
Saturday, February 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. in two St. Ann Parish Center classrooms. <i>A weekday evening make-up session will be scheduled.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Sacraments of Initiation/Introduction to Sacrament of Holy Eucharist (Communion)</li> <li>* Overview – Eucharist and the Mass</li> <li>* The Gathering Rite</li> <li>* Overview - Liturgy of the Word</li> <li>* Parts of the Liturgy of the Word: Readings, Psalm, Gospel, Homily Creed, Prayer of the Faithful</li> </ul>
Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in two St. Ann Parish Center classrooms. <i>A weekday evening make-up session will be scheduled.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Overview – Liturgy of the Eucharist</li> <li>* Presentation and Preparation of Gifts</li> <li>* Eucharistic Prayer</li> <li>* Eucharist as Family Meal</li> <li>* Eucharist as Real Presence of Jesus</li> <li>* The Communion Rite</li> <li>* Receiving Holy Communion</li> </ul>
Sunday, March 10, afternoon or Tuesday, March 19, evening in St. Ann Parish Center classrooms. * March 10 is from 12 noon to 2:15 pm, beginning with a pizza dinner. * March 19 is from 6 pm to 8:15 pm, beginning with a pizza dinner.	GIFT Session. The Sacraments: Anointing of the Sick – <i>highly recommended.</i>
Saturday, March 16 from 1 pm to 3 pm at St. Gabriel Church or Saturday, March 23 from 1 pm to 3 pm at St. Ann Church. <i>Tentative dates and times.</i>  <i>One weekday evening make-up session will be scheduled (if needed).</i>	Tour of the Church and Sacristy
Tuesday, April 16 or Thursday, April 25 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in St. Ann Parish Center classrooms.	* Learning and Praying the Rosary with Children

Note: We will share the May 2024 First Communion dates by the end of September 2023. There will also be a practice scheduled for each First Communion Mass.