

St. Raphael Parish, Milford

First Eucharist (Holy Communion) – 2025 Program Schedule

Here is the schedule of required classes for our 2025 First Eucharist (First Communion) program.

Also, please note that the Archdiocese of Hartford requires the Empowering God’s Children Personal Safety Program, scheduled in late January, for all families with children in Grade 1 or older. These sessions are scheduled for Jan 26 and Jan 28—as part of our GIFT program. Thank you!

In-Person Sessions (for children with a parent/guardian)	Description
<p>Saturday, February 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. in two St. Ann Parish Center classrooms. <i>A weekday evening make-up session will also be scheduled.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sacraments of Initiation/Introduction to Sacrament of Holy Eucharist (Communion) * Overview – Eucharist and the Mass * The Gathering Rite * Overview - Liturgy of the Word * Parts of the Liturgy of the Word: Readings, Psalm, Gospel, Homily Creed, Prayer of the Faithful
<p>Sunday, February 23, afternoon or Tuesday, February 25, evening in St. Ann Parish Center classrooms. * February 23 is from 12 noon to 2:15 pm, beginning with a pizza dinner. * February 25 is from 6 pm to 8:15 pm, beginning with a pizza dinner.</p>	<p>GIFT Session. The Nicene Creed: Jesus’ Death and Resurrection – required.</p>
<p>Saturday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in two St. Ann Parish Center classrooms. <i>A weekday evening make-up session will also be scheduled.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Overview – Liturgy of the Eucharist * Presentation and Preparation of Gifts * Eucharistic Prayer * Eucharist as Family Meal * Eucharist as Real Presence of Jesus * The Communion Rite * Receiving Holy Communion
<p>Saturday, April 5 from 1 pm to 3 pm at St. Gabriel Church or Saturday, April 12 from 1 pm to 3 pm at St. Ann Church. <i>One weekday evening make-up session will be scheduled (if needed).</i></p>	<p>Tour of the Church and Sacristy</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 15 or Monday, April 28 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in St. Ann Parish Center classrooms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Learning and Praying the Rosary with Children

Note: We will share the May 2025 First Communion dates by the end of September 2024. There will also be a practice scheduled for each First Communion Mass.