

St. Raphael Parish, Milford

First Eucharist (Holy Communion) – 2026 Program Schedule

Here is the schedule of required classes for our 2026 First Eucharist (First Communion) program.

In-Person Sessions (for children with a parent/guardian)	Description
Sunday, January 25 from 12 noon to 1:30 pm or Tuesday, January 27 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm	VIRTUS Empowering God's Children Personal Safety Program <i>Required by the Archdiocese of Hartford</i>
Saturday, February 7 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>	<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
Sunday, February 22, afternoon <i>or</i> Tuesday, February 24, evening in St. Ann Parish Center classrooms. * February 22 is from 12 noon to 2:15 pm, beginning with a pizza dinner. * February 24 is from 6 pm to 8:15 pm, beginning with a pizza dinner.	GIFT Session. Following Jesus Through the Church Year: Suffering and Death of Jesus (Lent and Holy Week – to Good Friday)
Saturday, March 7 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>	<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
Saturday, March 21 from 1 pm to 3 pm at St. Gabriel Church <i>or</i> Saturday, March 28 from 1 pm to 3 pm at St. Ann Church. <i>One weekday evening make-up session will be scheduled (if needed).</i>	Tour of the Church and Sacristy Review of Consecration and how to receive Holy Communion
Tuesday, April 14 <i>or</i> Thursday, April 16 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in a St. Ann Parish Center classroom.	* Learning and Praying the Rosary with Children

Note: Our children receive their First Holy Communion at regular weekend Masses. We will share the May 2026 First Communion weekend by the end of September 2025. There will also be a practice scheduled for each First Communion Mass.