FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

Date	Event	Instructions
November 9, 2026	Parent Meeting 7:00	Begin Home Preparation
January 31, 2027	Baptism Certificates Due	Any child not baptized at SJV needs to turn in a Baptismal Certificate.
March 1, 2027 and March 8, 2027	Enrichment Evenings 6:30 p.m. in the Church Required to attend one of the sessions	Child is invited to come to one of the events along with one or both parents and family.
March 1 to March 31, 2027	First Communion Individual Appointments	Child and one or both parents will meet with a member of the Parish Pastoral Staff to review what has been learned. You will receive an email in late February with instructions on making this appointment.
April 18, 2027	Jesus Day 11:30 a.m.. Mass until approx. 2:00 p.m.	This is a required retreat afternoon for the child and parent(s). We will reflect on the Eucharist during this time through various activities. Sign in will be in the Gathering Area.
April 23, 2027	First Communion Rehearsal 6:00-7:00	This rehearsal is mandatory for all children participating in the Large Group Ceremony. Begin in the Church, with each child in their assigned seat.
April 24, 2027	First Communion Ceremony 10:00 Large Group 4:00 Small Group* *TBD for 2027 there may NOT be a small group Mass	First Communion will take place in the Church beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m. Children are to be in their seats in the Chapel no later than 30 minutes prior to Mass. Parents are to drop them off and go to the Church or Gathering Area. Children will be picked up after Mass in the lobby. Certificates will be in the Chapel on their assigned seat before Mass.