Sacramental Year 2 First Communion 2026 Packet
(In Person and Homeschooling)

In addition to the information below, all requirements and forms are available on the ***Launch website****: https://www.st-ann.org/launch*

Sacramental Year 2 Program Requirements:

1. Parish Registration
   - **All Sacramental Year 2 students and their families must be registered as parishioners at St. Ann's**. To register online, please fill out the **PARISH REGISTRATION** or go to **st-ann.org** and click on REGISTER.
1. Sacramental Information for **BAPTISM**
   - Regardless of whether your child was baptized at St. Ann or not, we now must have all Sacramental Year 2 families fill out this **SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION FORM FOR BAPTISM**. **Your child will not be placed in a class until we receive this completed form.**
2. Launch classes
   - Students enrolled in Sacramental Year 2 must have successfully completed Sacramental Year 1 at St. Ann's or another Catholic Church or Catholic School. Proof of Year 1 is required.
   - Please review the **2025-2026 LAUNCH CALENDAR**.
   - Students may miss up to three classes without completing a make-up class. Additional absences must be made up by attending another Launch session or completing the online lesson and quiz, available on the **2025-2026 Sacrament Year 2 Student Checklist Database and Lessons Schedule**. **Lessons 1-10 must be completed by Nov 19, 2025, for First Reconciliation (on 11/20/25) eligibility. Lessons 12-22 are due on April 17, 2026, for 2026 First Communion eligibility.**

Sacramental Year 2 Parents Faith Formation

- Parents of all Sacramental Year 2 students are now required to complete six hours of Faith Formation through programs of their choice.

Exemptions:

1. Parents who are **catechists at Launch** or **work at a Catholic school** are **exempt**. They are already receiving faith formation through Launch classes or their workplace.

2. Parents who **attended Fr. Jim's workshops last year** (school year 2024–2025), because they had another child receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion at St. Ann in Spring 2025, are required to complete **only 3 hours** of Faith Formation this year. You are welcome to attend the workshops in church again or explore alternative options, listed below.

Your child's record in our database will now include an additional column next to their Student ID that lists **your specific Faith Formation requirement**. Please scroll to the right in the spreadsheet to find the **Parents Faith Formation columns**, where we will track your completed hours. To ensure you receive credit, please make sure to fill out the required **PARENTS FAITH FORMATION ATTENDANCE FORM** after attending.

Faith Formation Options:

1. **Fr. Jim's workshops at church,** as listed on our **LAUNCH Calendar**. Please arrive 10 minutes early to check in so we can begin and end on time. Workshops are from **7:15 pm-8:15 pm in the main church** and are for parents only (no children). One or more guardians of the sacramental child must attend. Workshops will be **Live Stream** and recorded on **St. Ann YouTube**. If you can't attend in person, you may watch the session and submit a form for credit. Parents attending **in person** do not need to complete the electronic Parents Faith Formation form. An attendance sheet will be available on-site, and we ask all parents to sign in upon arrival.
2. **Sunday Parent Talks.** Every Sunday when Launch is on session (**LAUNCH Calendar**) parents are welcome to attend sessions offered by our deacons in Boy Scouts Lodge (8:45am-10:15am). To reference a campus map of exactly where the Scout Lodge is, please click the **LINK**. Parents attending **in person** do not need to complete the electronic Parents Faith Formation form. An attendance sheet will be available on-site, and we ask all parents to sign in upon arrival.
3. Please visit **Encounter: St. Ann Adult faith formation** for additional options offered by St. Ann.
4. You are also welcome to engage in other Faith Formation programs, please remember to share details when submitting **PARENTS FAITH FORMATION ATTENDANCE FORM** for credit.
5. **Parents Faith Formation attendance form** is required for all Faith Formation hours, **except when attending in person** at either: (1) Fr. Jim's workshops at the church or (2) the Sunday Parent Talks in Boy Scouts Lodge.
6. **For your child to be eligible for First Reconciliation on 11/20/25, Parents Faith Formation Hours 1-3 (or Fall Workshops: September–November) and forms are due by 11/19/25. For First Communion eligibility, Parents Faith Formation Hours 4-6 (or Winter Workshops: January–March) and forms are due by 04/17/26.**

5. Service Hour

As Catholic Christians, we are called to live out the Great Commandment: to love God and love others. Year 2 students already express their love for God by participating in the Eucharist and Mass. To help them live out the second part, loving others, we require a **Service Hour** component.

One hour of community service is required for all Year 2 students before receiving First Communion. This service does not need to take place on campus or directly with a service organization. Any act of service that helps or shows love to others outside of your own family can count.

Our department can provide your child with several opportunities to serve, if needed, such as:

- As part of our **La Salette parish** community, families are invited to take home the **Vocation Cross** for one week and pray together for vocations, especially for La Salette vocations. This opportunity counts as one service hour. To schedule a week, please use **Vocation Cross Sign Up**.
- **The Launch** department will also offer **Service Hour** opportunities for students during Sacramental Workshops for parents. These will take place in the **Launch office** while parents attend the workshops in the church. The space will be limited to 5 children per workshop. Please use this link to sign up: **Service Hour for students during Parents Workshop.**
- For more ideas, please check **SERVICE HOUR IDEAS**.
- The **SERVICE HOUR VERIFICATION FORM** must be completed and submitted to the **by April 17th, 2026**.

Important Dates for Your Calendar

1. Sacramental Year 2 Parents Workshops
    - **9/3/25, 10/8/25, 11/12/25, 1/21/26, 2/11/26, 3/24/26**
    - From **7:15pm-8:15pm** in the main church
2. Sacrament of Reconciliation:
    - **Thursday, November 20, 2025: First Reconciliation, 6:00pm**
    - **Thursday, March 19, 2026: Family Reconciliation before First Communion, 6:00pm**
3. First Communion registration:
    - Opens on **January 12, 2026**, at 8:00 AM. Link to be provided by email.
    - First Communion will not have a designated date in 2026. Per the Pastor's request, celebrations will take place only during Sunday or Saturday vigil Masses, with a limited number of spots available for each Mass.
    - Seating reservations are limited to immediate household family members, with a maximum of 6-8 per family, as families will be seated together in one of the smaller front-row pews.
    - As of now, the **First Communion Mass dates are April 25th and 26th, and May 2nd and 3rd.**

FAQs for First Communion

Database

We track all your child's requirements in one place using our **2025-2026 Sacrament Year 2 Student Checklist Database and Lessons Schedule**. Staff will manually update completion status next to your child's ID number (sent via email). Please allow up to one week for updates.

First Communion Masses

Fr. Jim has introduced a new way to celebrate the **First Communion**, making it more personal and community focused. Key changes include:

- First Communions will take place during regular Sunday or Saturday Vigil Masses, allowing the full parish to celebrate with your child.
- Immediate household family will receive the Eucharist alongside the First Communicant, emphasizing the family's support.
- Children will actively participate in the Mass as gift bearers, lectors, or in the procession.
- First Communicants will have special roles, such as gathering near the altar during consecration and renewing baptismal vows around baptismal font.
- Each Mass will be limited to 20 First Communicants to keep the experience intimate.
- Masses will be available on the weekends of April 25/26 and May 2/3. **Sign-up is required.**
- We invite your family to take part in the **First Communion Mass** in a meaningful way by signing up as a lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EM), or altar server. A sign-up link for these roles will be sent shortly after First Communion registration opens in **January 2026**.

Family Banners

Family banners are a special tradition at St. Ann's to mark your child's pew on their **First Communion Day**. You may create your own or purchase one. DIY felt kits are available on Amazon; embroidered options can be found on Etsy. Banners can include your child's first

or last name and do not need to be submitted to the Launch office. Just bring them on the day of First Communion. The best size for our pews is 9x12 or 9x14 inches. We would not recommend going bigger than 12x18 inches.

First Communion Attire

Ladies**:**

Dresses can be any color – white, ivory, off-white, pastels, florals, etc. **Veils** and other headpieces are optional. **Gloves** are not permitted when receiving the Eucharist but can be worn before or after.

Gentlemen**:**

Dress shirt, suit slacks or khakis**. Sports jacket or suit** recommended but not required. **Tie** is optional.

Livestream

For friends and family who are not able to attend in person, all First Communion Masses in the main church will be livestreamed and recorded at st-ann.org/watch-live and later posted on Catholic Church of St. Ann - YouTube. If you prefer your child not to be filmed, please choose the **Family Mass in Nolan Hall** for their First Communion.

Texts

To make sure you do not miss any special dates or announcements for your child's sacrament year, please sign up for our text messages by texting **@sacyear2** to the number **81010.**

SIGNATURE REQUIRED:

In support of our Zero Waste initiative and to reduce paper use and waste, we kindly ask parents to submit an electronic acknowledgement confirming receipt and review of this Sacramental Year 2 (First Communion) Information Packet for school year 2025-2026 HERE.

Thank you!

Checklist for Sacramental Year 2 Requirements

This is for your records only. No need to turn it in. Please click on the links below or scan QR codes for your convenience.

1. If not registered parishioners at St. Ann's please fill out:

☐ PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

2. Please make sure to fill out for each sacramental child:

☐ SACRAMENTAL INFORMATIONAL FORM FOR BAPTISM

3. Please confirm that you have received and read the Information Packet (pages 1-4 above)

☐ PARENTS SIGNATURE FOR FIRST COMMUNION 2026 PACKET

4. Frequently check your child's database to ensure timely completion.

☐ SACRAMENTAL YEAR 2 DATABASE AND LESSONS SCHEDULE

5. Save the dates:

☐ **FALL** Parents Workshops: 09/03/25, 10/08/25 and 11/12/25 **(due 11/19/25)**

☐ First Reconciliation **11/20/25**

☐ First Communion registration **01/12/2026 (8am)**

☐ **WINTER** Parents Workshops: 01/21/26, 02/11/26 And 03/24/26 **(due 04/17/26)**

☐ Family Reconciliation **03/19/2026**

☐ First Communion: **04/25/26, 04/26/26, 05/02/26 or 05/03/26**

6. After parent workshop completion, please fill out:

☐ PARENTS WORKSHOPS AND ADULT FAITH FORMATION ATTENDANCE FORM

7. After child's service hour completion, please submit:

☐ SERVICE HOUR VERIFICATION FORM

PLEASE REFER TO:
2025-2026 Launch Calendar