

# FAITH FORMATION 2025-26

March 7-8,  
2026

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Latest news and bulletin updates

## Sacramental Preparation:

### First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion

**This Saturday, March 7th at 10 am is First Reconciliation!** This year, like last year, it will be celebrated as a family.

Are we are still tracking down your child's Baptismal Certificate? If you haven't already, please send us a copy to [faithformation@st-joseph.cc](mailto:faithformation@st-joseph.cc) today.

The **First Holy Communion Retreat** is scheduled for Sunday, April 12, 2026 from 9:45-2:00, lunch provided. Parents attend with candidate. We will have prayer, activity and rehearsal for First Holy Communion.

Please see [website](#) for important dates and info.

## Confirmation

**The Spring Confirmation Retreat is this Sunday, March 8, 2026 beginning at 9:45 am**, followed by Mass at 11, and then prayer and activities until 3 pm, lunch provided. Parents/sponsors attend with candidate.

The next opportunities for Volunteer Hours are: The **Lenten Penance Service and the Palm Sunday Reenactment** - see email to volunteer.

Please see [website](#) for important dates and info!

## Christian Initiation for Children

**Congratulations to our Elect!** Bishop Parkes was very impressed! Please attend the Scrutinies as part of your journey - they are March 8th, March 15th, and March 22nd at the 11 am Masses. Sponsors attend with the Elect. Your names will be called.

Please see [website](#) for important dates!

## Faith Formation for Parents

Please join us for coffee and donuts while the children are in class. This week *Lent*.

## Don't Forget to Mark your calendar for the Lenten Penance Service!

### "Lenten Penance"

The Church offers us three specific tools to help us return to Jesus: Prayer which empties us of our own noise so we can hear God's voice; Fasting which quiets our physical appetites so we can hunger for what truly satisfies the soul; and, Almsgiving which breaks our attachment to ourselves and our possessions, allowing us to see Christ in our neighbor.

This Lent, let your penance be a small, humble "yes" to God's mercy.

**Don't just change your diet; change your direction!**

## Penance Service 2026



Feeling a little lost? Jesus is looking for you.

He will meet you in the Sacrament of Penance this Lent.

He'll be so happy to see you. Join us for our Parish Penance service on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

## This Month in Faith Formation

### Current News:

This next week is quite busy! We begin on Saturday, March 7th when we have First Reconciliation at 10 am for families of those preparing to make their First Holy Communion this spring.

On Sunday, March 8th, in addition to classes, we also have our Spring Confirmation Retreat for all those preparing to be confirmed this Easter season along with their parent/sponsor!

On Sunday, March 8th, our Elect along with their sponsors will continue their journey with the Scrutinies at the 11 am Mass.

All other classes will meet and pray for our sacramental preparation classes and get their prayer-buddy bookmarks as well as prepare for the Palm Sunday reenactment and then the Rosary Project!

### Preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

1. Spend some time quietly thinking about what you will confess. You can use an Examination of Conscience to see how you are living the Commandments.
2. Say a prayer to the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you make a good Confession.
3. Wait quietly until it is your turn to enter the confessional.
4. For the steps within the Confessional, please refer to the handout.

### A Look Ahead At Tours:

**Next up: ROSARY PROJECT Tour**  
More info to follow

### Upcoming:

We are looking for Confirmandi volunteers to serve at our **Parish Lenten Penance Service, March 12th at 7 pm.**



We still need need greeters and ushers - see email to volunteer. All Confirmandi should plan to attend.

### Faith Formation Living Rosary Project

Just in time for Mother's Day - a Living Rosary presented by your children. Each of the classes will recite a decade of the rosary in the church as part of the Faith Formation Rosary Project. **If you would like to help us make this happen, please contact us at [faithformation@st-joseph.cc](mailto:faithformation@st-joseph.cc).**

### Faith Formation Book Club

**Don't forget to exchange your borrowed book, read it and then let us know if we should buy more to share with your friends in Faith Formation!**

### A 2-Month Look Ahead At Family Events (save the dates):

3/12/26 Penance Service (FE)  
3/29/2026 Palm Sunday Celebration (FE)  
4/26/2026 Year-end Mass and Social (FE)

**Grades Pre-K – 5**  
Meet at SJCS from 9:45-10:45 am  
**Grades 6-8**  
Meet at SH from 9:45-10:45 am

**Communion prep (FHC)**  
Meet at SJCS from 9:45-10:45 am  
**Confirmation prep**  
Meet at Knights Hall at 9:45 – then Mass at 11 – then Social Hall until 3pm  
**Parents** - Meet in SJCS cafeteria

**Tour Schedule**  
**This Month in Church**  
None this weekend

