

# FAITH FORMATION 2025-26

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Latest news and bulletin updates

## Sacramental Preparation:

### First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion

Thank you for all your hard work! As we finish out the year, we'll see you for:

1. The **First Holy Communion Retreat** on Sunday, April 12th from 9:45-2:00, lunch provided. Parents attend with candidate. Please meet in the SJSC at 9:45 am and we will attend the 11:00 Mass as a class. We will have prayer, activities and *rehearsal* for First Holy Communion afterwards.
2. Class on April 19th at 9:45 a.m.
3. **Rosary Project** on Sunday, April 26th at 9:45 a.m. in the church, followed by a social.
4. **First Holy Communion Mass** on May 3rd at 2 p.m.
5. And finally, on May 10th for the **Celebration of Mary** in the Social Hall at 10:15 a.m. – you may wear your Communion outfit.

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

## Confirmation

Thank you for all your hard work! As we finish out the year, we'll see you for:

1. Class on April 12th and 19th at 9:45 a.m. in the Knight's Hall.
2. **Confirmation Rehearsal** on Saturday, April 25th at 10 a.m.
3. **Rosary Project** on Sunday, April 26th at 9:45 a.m. in the church, followed by a social.
4. And finally for **Confirmation Mass** on Wednesday, April 29th at 6 pm.

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

## Christian Initiation for Children

**Congratulations to our neophytes!** God has truly blessed you!

Wyatt Lewis

Noah Kent

Please see First Holy Communion section above.

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

## Faith Formation for Parents

Please support us with our Rosary Project! Our Confirmandi will present The Five Glorious Mysteries, which are the central events in Christian tradition focusing on the triumph of Jesus and Mary. They are: 1) The Resurrection, 2) The Ascension, 3) The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost), 4) The Assumption of Mary, and 5) The Coronation of Mary.

## Faith Formation Book Club

Don't forget to return your borrowed book and let us know if we should buy more to share with your friends in Faith Formation!

## Happy Easter Season!

"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"



Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, welcomed by crowds with palms. He held a special Last Supper with his friends, breaking bread as his body. Though put to death on a cross, Jesus rose again on Easter Sunday, defeating death to show his great love, bringing joy and new life to all.

## This Month in Faith Formation

### Current News:

A HUGE THANK YOU to Billy Kountz, Father Robert and Father Johnson for the Christian Initiation ceremony on Easter Vigil and welcome new Catholics Wyatt Lewis and Noah Kent!

### Faith Formation Living Rosary Project

Our final tour/project of the year is the **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. We need your help!

We will be practicing on April 12th and 19th during class and on April 26th we will live-stream all of Faith Formation and their families in the church saying the rosary. Please help us by:

1. Make sure your children know the Hail Mary.
2. Make sure all 3rd graders and above also know the Our Father and the Glory Be.
3. Make sure all 6th graders and above also know the Apostles Creed, Fatima Prayer (O My Jesus): O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy - and finally, the Hail, Holy Queen (Salve Regina): Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope....
4. ALL CONFIRMANDI will present the Glorious Mysteries and lead the rosary.

Catechists will be guiding the children. Allie Gillispie and Miracle Lacy designed and prepared our rosary and candles and will help with the set up. Cody Moran will handle the audio so the children can be heard. Bruno Ochoa will be doing still photos. Tim Sommer and Bill

doing the video. All families and teachers and parents are invited to join the Rosary Group and all parishioners in the nave and respond to each prayer. It should be a beautiful event!



### Coronation of Mary during 11:00 a.m. Mass on May 10th

The Coronation of Mary is a special celebration that honors Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. People remember this in a special way during May Crowning, when a statue of Mary is decorated with flowers and given a crown. People started honoring Mary with flowers in May hundreds of years ago, and we've continued this tradition at St Joseph. Children are invited to walk in a short procession before Mass and place a flower crown on Mary's statue. Flowers will be provided but you may bring your own if you prefer.

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

4/12/2026 First Holy Communion Retreat  
**4/26/2026 Rosary Project and Social (FE)**  
4/29/2026 Confirmation  
5/3/2026 First Holy Communion Mass  
5/10/2026 Celebration of Mary

**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 from 9:45 – 10:45

**Parents - Meet in SJCS cafeteria**  
**Tour Schedule**  
**4/26/2026 Rosary Project and Social (FE)**  
**None this weekend**