**First Communion Banners**

First Communion banners are a cherished tradition in many Catholic parishes. Each child preparing to receive the Eucharist creates a personalized banner featuring their name and meaningful religious symbols, such as the chalice, host, cross, grapes, or wheat. Making the banner is more than a craft—it's a hands-on way for children to reflect on the importance of this sacrament and what it means to welcome Jesus into their hearts. It's also a wonderful opportunity for families to grow in faith together as they prepare for this special day. The finished banners are typically displayed in the church as a joyful sign of each child's unique faith journey and the community’s prayers and support.

Below are some examples of the banners. You can buy a kit on Amazon or Oriental Trading, or you can make them from your own materials. Please be sure your banner has a dowel and string for hanging. The banner will stay up in the sacristy until after the May Crowning. At that time, you may take your own banner down or see the faith formation office for your banner back. The banners will be held for pick up until August 30, 2026. After that, the banners will be discarded if they are not picked up.

**Please turn in your banner by April 16, 2026.**

