



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
ALL ARE WELCOME



## **First Holy Communion Banner Project**

The First Communion banner is a special project for you and your child to create together. The banner will be a keepsake for your child and your family and will be displayed in our church at our First Communion Mass.

Here are details about creating a First Communion banner with your child:

Each banner will need to show a Chalice (winecup), Communion Host(s), the date of First Holy Communion, and your child's full name.

Throughout our time of preparation for First Holy Communion, our children will learn about the symbols of this special sacrament. You and your child may decorate his/her banner any way you like, as long as the symbols relate to Communion and our faith.

The banner will need to be made out of 18-inch x 12-inch felt (this is the main banner background). You can purchase this at any craft store such as Joann Fabric or Michael's. Any banners which exceed this size will not be displayed in the church, as space is very limited. The banner should have a ribbon or cord looped at the top so it can be hung over the side of the pew and put on display in your home after mass.

The items you and your child place on the banner can be made out of felt, foam or other fabric, glitter, beads, ribbon, etc. Be creative in designing the banner with your child, layering symbols and textures. Many ideas can be found online.

The banner should be a reflection of your son/daughter. Please choose at least 4 of these symbols with your child for his/her banner.

- Heart: shows our loving God
- Cross: represents our faith as Christians
- 3-Leaf clover: represents the Holy Trinity
- Bread: represents the Body of Christ present in the Eucharist
- Grapes: represents the gift of wine which becomes the blood of Christ
- Holy flames: represent the Holy Spirit OR you may use a Dove to represent the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- Chalice: represents the Cup of our Faith
- Bible: represents the Word of God.
- Rainbow: represents our Covenant with God