

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

## Whole Community Catechesis Registration 2023-2024

Dear St. John the Evangelist Families,

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Family Catechesis Program. Family Catechesis is different than a traditional weekly classroom CCD program. In our Family Catechesis Program, we support the reality that parents are the primary catechists of their children. Developing a strong and lasting faith foundation in our children begins in the home. At St. John the Evangelist we strive to support both parent and child in faith development, strengthening the domestic church as well as our parish community.

*Take these words of mine into your heart and soul.....  
Teach them to your children, speaking of them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up, and write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates, so that, as long as the heavens are above the earth, you and your children may live on in the land which the LORD swore to your ancestors he would give them.*

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

As a family centered program, we meet twice a month. Once parents only, so that parents can learn and understand the catechesis for the month and once as a family to build on what was learned at home and grow in faith as a community.

In the 2023-2024 school year, Community/Family Meetings will mostly take place once a month on Sunday either before or after the 10:30 AM Mass depending on the activity. A portion of the lesson may actually be covered during the Mass. Therefore, families are expected to attend Mass as part of our session and stay for the remainder of our meeting.

Family participation Requirements/expectations:

- Sunday Mass is the source and summit of our Catholic faith; therefore, weekly Family Mass attendance is required as part of any religious formation program. Sign-in is required.
- Regular attendance at family activities is expected to be a priority. We only meet for family activities 9 times in a school year, only 1 absence from family activity will be acceptable.
- Regular Catechesis discussion, activities and traditions should take place at home. Attend holy days of obligation as a family, make it important by making time for your faith,
- At least one parent must attend Community/Family Activity Meetings with their child(ren).
- Active Participation in the parish community is a vital part of faith development. Therefore, families are encouraged to join in Parish ministries.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. See bulletin for times
- Become a sponsor
- Take the family to reconciliation monthly
- Prepare a prayer space. Pray the rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet at home as a family.

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- Works of Mercy: 1) Feed the hungry. (2) Give drink to the thirsty. (3) Clothe the naked. (4) Shelter the homeless. (5) Visit those in prison. (6) Comfort the sick. Do community service around your community. Involving children in planning and execution. Please Document with photos.
- Fundraising event: Pontifical Mission Societies—MITE BOXES
- Youth Choir, Share your families' talents with your parish.

See the Bulletin for a complete list of Parish Ministries.

So many ways to live your faith, as you raise your children in the Catholic faith. May God Bless you and your family. I look forward to joining you on your family's faith journey.

With Prayer,  
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FAMILY NAME _____			
<b>Tuition</b> <b>1 child</b> \$ 150 <b>2 children</b> \$ 200 <b>3+ Children</b> \$ 250	<b>Tuition</b> \$ _____		
<b>Sacrament Fees:</b> \$ 50 Only due the year receiving the Sacrament.	<b>Sacrament fee per child</b> \$ _____		
<b>Non- parishioner Fee:</b> \$ 50	<b>Non- parishioner Fee:</b> \$ _____		
<b>Late fee after August 15<sup>th</sup></b> \$ 75	<b>Late fee after August 15<sup>th</sup></b> \$ _____		
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____</b>			
<b>Official Use only</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash \$ _____    Receipt# _____			

**Please circle preferred Material language :**                     English        or        Bi-Lingual Spanish

PLEASE NOTE:

Baptized Children should be enrolled each year in a formal Catechesis Program from Grades 1-8.  
 Sacramental preparation involves two years of prep per Sacrament. (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> for Communion, 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> for Confirmation)

Any baptized child (grades 3 – 7) who has not received First Penance & First Holy Communion in Grade 2 will need to take a full year of Family Catechesis prior to preparing for First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion.

**\*\*Parents of unbaptized children in Grades 1 – 8 should contact the Parish Catechetical Leader directly.**

**Grades 1 –8-- Family Catechesis**

Primary Catechesis will be taught at home as a family. Meetings will be twice a month. The first Meeting of the Month for Parents, guiding what the months’ lessons will be about. Second meeting of the month is a Community/Family Activity meeting, building on the theme of the month. Family Meetings will take place once a month on Sunday either before or after the 10:30 Mass depending on the monthly activity. Please select your preferred day of the week to meet for the parent meeting.

**CHOOSE 1:**    \_\_\_\_\_ Monday; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM                                 Name(s) of adult(s) attending 95% of the time  
                       \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM   \_\_\_\_\_

At least one parent must attend each session. Please list the name of the adult that will attend class most of the time.

\_\_\_\_2<sup>nd</sup> Grade/2<sup>nd</sup> Year FHC prep will meet once a month in addition to family catechesis.

**Confirmation - 8<sup>th</sup> grade only :** Sundays 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM as per the calendar (children only).