

St. John
the
Evangelist
Family Catechesis



A FAMILY OF FAITH

[webpage with the Adult Meeting
PowerPoints and Information](#)

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MAKE JESUS A PART OF EVERY DAY

KEY POINTS OF DECEMBER'S LESSON

The key points of this month's lessons come from Essay 5 in the back of the Parent Guide.

- Confirmation, like Baptism, places an indelible mark on our souls
- Confirmation perfects Baptismal Grace, making us full members of the Church.
- Confirmation is prefigured in the Old Testament by the anointing of priests and kings and foretold by the prophets.
- Confirmation is instituted in the New Testament by the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

TO DO THIS MONTH:

YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH AT HOME - page 82, add spiritual reading to your family prayer space

SAINT OF THE MONTH – Learn about St. Stephen

GRACE PERSON ACTIVITY Pg 104 Do the Grace person Activity – “I Belong to Jesus”

FAMILY REFLECTION PAGE – [Fill out online](#) or Hand in hard copy at the end of the month. The main questions to be answered are 1. **Favorite Family Activity this Month**, 2. **Favorite Mass experience and Why**

Helpful videos are posted on the website

*CHOOSE AT LEAST 2 ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FROM LESSON 5
CONFIRMATION*

*CHOOSE THE ACTIVITIES IN EACH LESSON THAT WORK BEST FOR YOUR
CHILDREN BASED ON HOW THEY LEARN*

*You may always do more, however you must choose at least one activity in
each lesson in addition to what is listed above.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN @
MASS EACH WEEK. CLIP BOARDS
ARE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF
THE CHURCH.**

Sunday 12/18:

- COMMUNITY/FAMILY MEETING
- 9:00 AM Meet in the Auditorium, will include 10:30 AM Mass
- Bring your Mass Journal and Grace Person

Sunday 12/18:

- No formal Confirmation Class use this time to finish your Saint Report

Saturday 12/24 Christmas Eve
Masses are: 4:00, 6:00 & Midnight

Sunday 12/25: CHRISTMAS DAY
normal mass schedule

1/1/2023 Youth Mass & Monthly
Reception after Masses

Mon 1/9 & Tues 1/10:

- Parent Meetings
- FHC Class

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LESSON 5: CONFIRMATION (Supporting Essay Pg 272)
ACTIVITIES TO CHOOSE FROM:

Family Discussion Activities

- #1 Marking Something as Our Own – Confirmation leaves a permanent mark on our soul (sketchpad video is bonus activity)
- #5 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Discussion & Scripture Reading

- #2 Confirmation Prefigured – has bonus activity using the bible and worksheet

Reading and Discussion

- #3 What is Confirmation

Scripture Reading & Creative Activity

- #4 Ascension and Pentecost – uses a bible and activity book

CELEBRATE ADVENT IN YOUR HOME

- Advent Wreath and Reflections
- Jesse Tree
- Prepare Birthday Party for Jesus
- Jesus Stocking
- Sacrifice Manger
- Slowing build your Nativity
- Go to Reconciliation as a Family
- Donate food, clothing, gifts
- [Holy Heroes Advent Adventure](#)
- Rejoice! Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture – Weekly parish reflections
- Reflections and Stories on the [AMEN APP](#)

Bi-Lingual Catechist for Adult Meetings

The January Parent’s meeting in **Spanish** will take place on Tuesday January 3rd due to the Catechist’s schedule. Please contact the office for more info.

BEYOND A FAMILY OF FAITH

Other things are going on in Faith Formation.

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass is Sunday, January 1st at 10:30 AM led by our High School Teens. Any High School teen interested in Serving as a Lector, Usher, Altar Server or in the Youth Choir [SIGN UP HERE](#)

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

High School Youth Group will meet January 8th immediately following the 10:30 Mass. All High School Teens are welcome to join. For more information email stjohnshsyg@gmail.com

YOUTH CHOIR

Our New Youth Choir sings during the Monthly Youth Mass. Any 6th, 7th, 8th grader & High School Teen interested in joining the Youth Choir please [email me](#). The choir will practice before the Youth Mass at 9:30 in the Church.

VIRTUS

Protecting God’s Children Virtus Training Sessions.
[Click Here to](#) find a session

ALL ADULT VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH CHILDREN MUST BE SAFETY CERTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIOCESAN GUIDELINES:

Fingerprinted through Identogo & Virtus Trained.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Church Decorating for Christmas – 12/24 9:00 to 11:30. Contact Kate Guzzi for more info 732-977-2233

Christmas Books - Every year we gift a book to every family at attending Christmas Mass. We are looking for help handing out books at the end of each Christmas Mass. This is a great Stewardship opportunity. If your family or 7th/8th grader would like to help, please let me know so I can pass your name along.