

St. John  
the  
Evangelist  
Family Catechesis



# A FAMILY OF FAITH

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MAKE JESUS A PART OF EVERY DAY

## KEY POINTS OF NOVEMBER'S LESSON

*The key points of this month's lessons come from Essays 3 & 4 on the back of the Parent Guide.*

- To be initiated means to be made a member of a group.
- The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- These Sacraments make us members of the Church, strengthen us for our life's journey, and give us our vocation as Christians.
- As disciples of Christ we are called to be holy and to evangelize
- To evangelize means to share the good new of Christ by

## NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

### TO DO THIS MONTH:

**YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH AT HOME** - page 46, Use Holy Water in your home.

**SAINT OF THE MONTH** – Learn about St. Catherine of Alexandria Pg 76

**GRACE PERSON ACTIVITY** Pg 74 Do the Grace person Activity – using Scripture to understand baptism, discuss the questions in the activity then Add the baptismal garment to your Grace Person

**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 ONE ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY FROM EACH LESSON  
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 11/20:

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

Sunday 11/20:

- Confirmation Class  
11:30 -1:00 Parish Center

**Sunday 11/27**

- **First Sunday of Advent**

Sunday 12/4: Monthly Reception after Masses

- Youth Mass
- Youth Group
- Confirmation Class

Mon 12/6 & Tues 11/7:

- Parent Meetings
- FHC Class

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**LESSON 3: THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

(Supporting Essay on Pg 268)

**Activity Options:**

- **#1 What is Initiation?** This is a family discussion activity
  - With a creative bonus activity for younger children
- **#2 The Vocation of a Christian** – This is a reading & discussion activity. We are called to be HOLY and to EVANGELIZE  
This has two separate bonus activities

**LESSON 4: BAPTISM**

(Supporting Essay on Pg 270)

**Activity Options**

- **#1- What Is Baptism** – Scripture and Discussion
  - Bonus Gateway craft activity
- **#2 – Baptism Prefigured** – Scripture Search
- **#3 – The Effects of Baptism** – Activity & Discussion
  - [Bonus Sketchpad video](#)
- **#4 – Remembering Your Baptism**
- **#5 Jesus’ Baptism** – Sacred Art Discussion

**Bi-Lingual Catechist for Adult Meetings**

Beginning in November, we have a Spanish speaking Catechist to Guide Parent meeting in Spanish

**VIRTUS**

Protecting God’s Children Virtus Training Sessions.

[Click Here to](#) find a session

**BEYOND A FAMILY OF FAITH**

Other things going on in Faith Formation.

**MONTHLY YOUTH MASS**

The next Youth Mass is Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Immediately following the December Youth Mass. All High School Teens are welcome to join. For more information email [stjohnshsyg@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnshsyg@gmail.com)

**YOUTH CHOIR**

Our New Youth Choir will sing during the Monthly Youth Mass. Any 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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**STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Thanksgiving Food Drive** - Consider bringing food items to our Family meeting to help a family in need this Thanksgiving.

**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 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grader would like to help, please let me know so I can pass your name along.

**Church Decorating** – it is almost time to prepare the church for Advent and Christmas. If you’d like to be involved let me know.