

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

FAMILY CATECHESIS 2021-2022

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

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.

As a family centered program, we meet 9 times a year for a monthly family activity. New this year we will be adding parent meetings to support and guide parents with the portion of catechesis that will be covered at home. This aspect of the program is still being developed and will be clearer when the calendar comes out in June. We are also developing a small group model within the Catechesis program. This will give families a faith network as well as strengthen our ability to function within these ever-changing times.

Due to the pandemic, most of this past year was virtual. Our goal moving forward is to have a program that can safely be in person by creatively using the limited space that we have.

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.
- Regular attendance at family activities is expected to be a priority. We only meet for family activity 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
- At least one parent must attend Family Activity Sessions with their child(ren) whether the meeting is in person or happens to be virtual.
- Active Participation in the parish community is a vital part of faith development. Therefore, families are asked to explore a parish ministry or take an active role in one of the Family Catechesis Teams
 - Adult Meetings Team
 - Family Activity Team
 - Small Group leader
 - Works of Mercy Activity planning
 - Fundraising event
 - Jr Youth Group/Confirmation Prep Activities

Thank you for your interest in Family Catechesis. Please register by May 15th so we can continue to evaluate the needs of our community and provide the best program possible for our families. Registration received after June 15th will be considered late and incur a late fee.

May God Bless you and your family. I look forward to joining you on your family's faith journey.

With Prayer,

Patricia Hummel
Parish Catechetical Leader