



St. Francis of Assisi Family Catechesis Program

An Alternative Faith Formation Program for Families Who Wish to Make Religious Education a Priority in Their Homes

- *Students and their parents* (1 parent needed) come together for faith formation once per month for 7 months from 6:15 to 8:00PM. We do not meet in December. We have a closing Mass in May.
- Each month *students* are introduced to a new unit by catechists in age-appropriate classrooms and are taught the first chapter of the unit for each month's theme.
- At the same time, *parents* participate in exploring these same themes through adult presentations and discussions.
- *Parents*, with resources provided, work *with their children* throughout the remainder of the month in completing the last 4 chapters of the unit.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Families are also required to “**Explore Four**” or more parish events of their choice during the 7 months. These events should support the faith formation that is happening at home. *Examples:* Family Advent Day, Lenten Reconciliation Service, Friday Night Family Rosary, Souper Bowl of Caring, viewing a selection from the parish subscription of FORMED. Parents hand in a reflection form following attendance.
- Families complete the **Chapter Assessments** online and send them to the child's/children's classroom catechist.
- Families attend **weekly Masses**.

2023-2024 Dates for Family Catechesis:

Thursday > 9/21/2023, 9/28/2023, 10/26/2023, 11/30/2023,
1/18/2024, 2/15/2024, 2/22/2024, 3/21/2024, 4/25/2024,
5/23/2024

**Families must agree to all requirements before
being admitted to Family Catechesis.**

**Beginning with the 2023-2024 Program, St. Francis will begin using the
Parish Giving System to support our Family Catechesis Registration.**

**For more information, please call Madelyn McBride
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