

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) are required to attend the sessions once per month for 7 months from 6:15 to 7:45PM. 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 **Interactive Review Assessments** online and send them to the child's/children's classroom catechist.
- Families attend weekly Masses.

2024-2025 Dates for Family Catechesis:

Thursday > September 2024 through May 2025 (To Be Determined)

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

St. Francis Parish uses the Parish Giving System to support our Family Catechesis Registration.

For more information, please call Madelyn McBride 610-543-0848 Extension 118.