



## 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 sign a Family Catechesis Contract.
- Families attend **weekly Masses**.

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### 2024-2025 Dates for Family Catechesis:

(September 2024 through May 2025)

**Thursdays > 9/26, 10/24, 11/21, 1/23-(1/30-Snow Date),  
2/20-(2/27 Snow Date), 3/27, 4/25, 5/1.**

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**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.**

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

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