



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 for
Students in Grades 1 through 7.

OVERVIEW

- *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**.

2025-2026 Dates for Family Catechesis:

(September 2025 through April 2026)

**Thursdays > 9/25, 10/30, 11/20, (No December),
1/22-(1/29-Snow Date), 2/26-(3/5 Snow Date), 3/26, 5/7.**

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

**For more information or to inquire about registration,
please call Madelyn McBride 610-543-0848 Extension 118.**

