

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## OUR CATHOLIC FAITH We Believe



**Reflection on Sunday's Gospel**  
When Jesus told Peter to forgive "not 7 times but 70 times 7", did He mean to forgive others 490 times? 7 X 70 is symbolic for infinity which means we must always forgive, because God always forgives. 7 is the number for completeness and perfection. So Jesus says forgive perfectly and completely, not always easy to do.

### WE BELIEVE

During the months of September and October we will look at what we believe as Catholics and how we live out our beliefs in our every day lives. **WE BELIEVE** we need to know God before we can love Him. **We believe** we can grow in our Catholic faith and have a relationship with our Creator by attending Mass on Sunday, by attending religion classes, by praying as a family, by serving our neighbors.

#### FAMILY TIES PET BLESSING Monday, October 5, 7:00

October 5 we will celebrate St. Francis - lover of animals and all of God's creation. All are invited to celebrate this evening of fall fun and prizes.

**MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED!**



#### I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

Take a family walk. Count the things that make you think of God: things He created that no one else could. As Catholics we are called to show our respect for God by being good stewards of His Creation. Caring for the earth is a requirement of our faith.

*God, our Father, thank you for the gift of Creation. Help us to find ways to take care of this special gift by doing day-to-day things like conserving energy by turning up our air conditioner, by not wasting water, by walking instead of driving when possible, by remembering that the beauty and order of nature reflects the beauty of its Creator.*

#### HELPING FAMILIES PASS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH Curriculum for families with children grades 1-5 will include:

- **WEEKLY LESSONS** teaching the basics of the faith as prescribed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church which includes a family page that helps families consciously, intentionally and deliberately look at how their faith affects how they live their faith, how it affects the choices they make.
- **FAMILY HOLY HOMEWORK** to challenge families to be awesome stewards of all God has given them.
- **GROWING UP CATHOLIC/GOING TO MASS** which will help families reflect on Mass and participate more actively.
- **MONTHLY FAMILY OUTREACH** which will include making cookies for Children's Mercy Hospital, making a meal for Crossroads homeless shelter, making Christmas baskets for Catholic Charities, etc.

#### FAMILY MINISTRY this week:

- First Reconciliation classes, Wednesday, **September 16, 7:00 PARENT/CHILD CLASS**
- Grades 1-5, Sunday, September 20, 11:15-12:30.

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