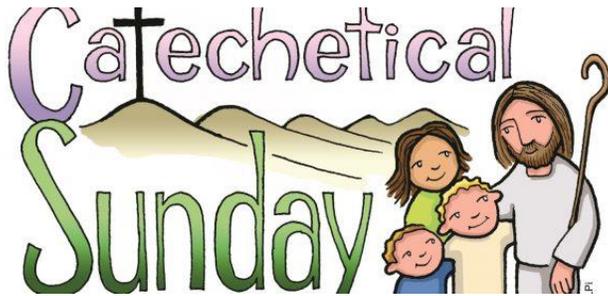


Pastor's Column

Catechetical Sunday and Pro-Life Education Night



Catechetical Sunday: Parents are the primary teachers of their children in the ways of faith. The Church assists parents by providing classes, teachers and ministries of faith formation. The Church also provides classes, teachers and ministries for adults to become Catholic and to be enriched in their faith.

This Sunday is “Catechetical Sunday.” At the 10 am mass, we will bless all who serve as “catechists” or teachers of the faith at St. Francis School and our Parish School of Religion, plus all who work with sacrament preparation, Bible Study, CYO, RCIA and faith formation activities. Please join us in thanking our catechists and praying for their wisdom and grace to be witnesses and communicators of the faith.

Pro-Life Education Night. October is pro-life month in the Catholic Church – a month to celebrate the dignity of every life from conception to natural death. Our parish will have a number of pro-life activities in October which will be advertised in the coming weeks.

To begin our pro-life activities in October, we will have a Pro-Life Education Night on Tuesday, October 1, at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall. There will be presentations on three pro-life ministries. A representative from the Women’s New Life Center will speak about their services, including services to women with unplanned pregnancies. Men from the Monday Night Disciples will speak about their ministry of building caskets for aborted babies and miscarried or stillborn babies. Ron Carter, who is the Pro-Life Representative for St. Francis Parish, will speak about the pro-life activities planned at our parish this Fall, including “Forty Days for Life.”

We hope you will consider attending the Pro-Life Education Night and learn about how, through prayer and service, you can help bring about a culture of life in our time.

Have a great week and God bless!

Fr. Joe