

St. Joseph's Parish is looking for Catechists. It is a privilege to become a catechist. Less than 1% of Catholics are catechists, will you please join us in this ministry? Here are 10 reasons why:

10. **You'll grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.** *One of the best ways to learn something is to teach it. You'll discover new insights about your faith.*
9. **Children, teens, and adults in today's world more than ever need to hear the good news about Jesus Christ.** *Our society and culture offer numerous messages on how to attain happiness. We know that these paths can be a lot of dead ends and empty promises. As a catechist you have an opportunity to send a powerful message of how true happiness is found.*
8. **Children, teens, and adults need to encounter good role models of faith.** *Our society doesn't really hold up heroes; rather, we have celebrities and some celebrities are not always the best role models. As a catechist you have an opportunity to serve as a role model for what it means to be an authentic follower of Jesus.*
7. **You've got a lot to share.** *Don't underestimate what you have to offer. You have a lifetime of experience to draw from. God is no stranger to you. You have true wisdom to share and pass on. Do not think that you need to have an advanced degree to talk about the love of God found in Jesus Christ.*
6. **You'll be provided with excellent resources that provide you with great support.** *You will not be on your own when you teach. You will have the living tradition of the Catholic church and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Today's catechetical textbooks are excellent tools that will assist you with sharing this tradition.*
5. **You'll meet new people and be part of a vibrant faith community.** *Catechists make up a faith community within a faith community. You'll meet other adults like yourself seeking ways to effectively proclaim God's words to others.*
4. **You'll be energized.** *Teaching while challenging is also energizing. You'll even have fun. The creativity, imagination, and vibrancy that children have is contagious. It is refreshing and rewarding.*
3. **You'll be saving lives.** *Although a bit dramatic, the fact is that we find salvation in Jesus Christ. Salvation means to be saved from the effects of sin. Catechists have an opportunity to help others embrace the salvation that is offered through Jesus Christ.*
2. **You'll be putting your own faith into action.** *To be a practicing Catholic involves more than just going to mass. We are called to practice our baptism each and every day. Serving as a catechist is a powerful and fulfilling way to practice your faith and proclaim the gospel to others. As you teach you'll find yourself becoming more aware of faithfully practicing what you preach.*
1. **It's the right thing to do.** *Jesus said "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. Baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you and behold that I am with you always until the end of the age" Matthew 28: 18-20. Jesus gave this mission to the church and now the church is asking you, by the virtue of your baptism, to accept this calling.*

Interested, please reach out to Lisa VanderKelen, RE Coordinator at (920)639-3615 or mypeanuts2pluspup@yahoo.com. We are looking for several grade levels.