

St Thomas the Apostle Church
PREP Home-School Parent Monthly Meetings / Webinars

Dear Parents,

Our Home Catechesis program is conducted by parents using the Alive in Christ Program to educate children in our Catholic Faith. It is our desire to guide families to share correct doctrine with their children, seek answers to unresolved questions and continue to share this knowledge and belief with their children leading the family to be strong Catholic believers. We ask parents to join together in a monthly meeting to review the topic that will be presented for the Unit. This allows parents to join together and ask questions allowing a fresh perspective on topics that may have been long forgotten or misunderstood in our childhood memories. As a family in faith, we listen, share and learn to strengthen our faith in order to pass it down to our children encouraging a strong personal relationship with God to develop for everyone in the family.

During the year of COVID, our in-person meetings are difficult to hold. The diocese has offered us a way to help guide families in their task to handing down the faith. We have been given webinars on various topics for parents to attend. In lieu of meeting in-person, we are asking that each parent registers and attends the monthly webinar. If you are unable to attend live, due to a conflict, please register and a recording of the webinar will be sent directly to your email. You can watch on your own time. I am attaching the link to the webinars which run through February. Please sign up for the following webinars to complete the requirements for our monthly parent meetings. If you are interested in another webinar that is not listed below, feel free to participate in any other or all.

Due to this unusual year, we will not have the children come into monthly check-ins with the Catechists. Instead, I will set up a time to meet with each level in the social hall for a quick check in. A sign up will be sent out in January. I will also be available at anytime for questions & concerns. An overview of each Unit and teaching methods for each level will be sent out to help support parents present the material to their children.

When the students are able to return to the building, then our monthly parent & child meetings will resume on the first Sunday of the month. We will re-evaluate in January.

Please read your contract and make sure all requirements are completed. Saint projects can be handed in at the mid-year check in. Look out for sign up times to bring your child to Confession during Advent.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

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Webinars located on the back

Parent Webinars

<https://www.growingcatholics.com/parent-webinars-complete%20series>

Home-School Parents are asked to attend the following:

October: Date: Sunday October 18 @ 7:30 pm

You are What You Eat

"This is my body, given up for you." These are life changing words spoken by Jesus. What does it mean for us to receive His real presence in the Eucharist? Discover the answer during this interactive webinar and learn how to become transformed by the experience of receiving it. Join in this reflection on why Communion may be the most powerful and hidden gift God has ever given us, one that changes us from the inside out.

Presenter: Corinne Gannotti

November: Date: Thursday, November 19 @ 7:30 pm

Communication: Matt, You're Ranting Again

That's what my wife says when I get a little too heated in our discussions. She's become an expert communicator in our 14 years of marriage and I'm still learning! Join this humorous yet faith filled discussion on best practices in communication with your spouse and children.

Presenter: Matt Kinsch

January: Date: Thursday, January 28 @ 7:30 pm

Sanity & Sanctity

Living a Godly life can seem difficult, if not impossible. So often we feel disconnected from God because of the struggles of everyday life. Join us for this introduction to some saintly types – some whom you may know a lot about, a little bit about, or perhaps nothing at all. What a great way to make a lot of new friends and discover how their lives are similar to ours in terms of struggles, challenges, and in overcoming difficulties.

Presenter: Father John Donia