

FAMILY CATECHESIS FAQ:

Q. What materials do we get/need?

A. You will receive one parent book with all the information you need to teach your children the faith. This is included with your registration fee.
 Each child will receive an activity book with resources and activities to learn each theme for the year. These are included with your registration fee.
 You will also need to have basic art/school supplies for the activities.
 Each family will need a Bible (New American Bible or New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition) and a Catechism of the Catholic Church. These can be purchased off Amazon or from any Catholic book store.

Q. How often do we meet?

A. Parents come together the first Tuesday of the month (6:30-8:00pm) to learn the material and whole families come together the fourth Sunday of the month after the 9:30am Mass (10:30am-12:00pm). Parents are responsible for teaching their children two lessons each month **at home**.

Q. How am I supposed to teach some something I don't understand?

A. The parent book provides information and material for the parents to understand what they are teaching that month.
 At our monthly parent session we will teach you everything you need to know about the theme and give you more resources to help you learn and be able to teach your children.
 You can always call, e-mail, or visit us in the rectory for further support, help, and information.

Q. What if I have a first grader and a seventh grader (or more kids)?

A. Everyone learns the same material all year. The curriculum is the same for everyone.
 The children's activity book has age appropriate activities for all ages. This way, you teach all your children at the same time and then give each child the activity appropriate for their age to assist in learning the material.

Q. How much does this cost?

A. \$300.00 per family

Q. What if we don't understand the material?

A. Call, e-mail, or visit us in the rectory and we will help you. As a parish, it is our ministry and priority to support you in your vocation and role as a parent.

Q. What about First Holy Communion and Confirmation?

A. Each child **MUST** take part in Family Faith Formation for **TWO YEARS** before receiving any Sacrament per Archdiocesan policy.
 This means regular attendance by parents and families at the two monthly gatherings.
 There will be **TWO** retreat days scheduled for each Sacramental year (2nd & 8th grade) to help prepare the students.

Q. Do we have to turn anything in?

A. There is a year-long project every child completes as the family goes through the program.
 Those projects are turned in periodically throughout the year as an accountability piece.

Q. What happens if we work on Sundays?

A. We understand that work schedules are demanding and many parents can't control their work schedule. If you are unable to attend a Sunday Family gathering we ask that you try to find a way for your children to join us (another family may be willing to bring them or a relative). Again, we understand if your family can't attend but if your children are able to come that would be fine.

Parents can always turn assignments in at the next Parent Meeting to show us you are completing the assignments (this is important for those preparing to receive a Sacrament).

Q. Can I bring my kids with me to Parent Meetings on the first Tuesday of the month?

A. You can certainly bring your children to the Parent Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month.
 We will have activities for them while we take the time to teach you, our parents, the theme for that month.