

# FAMILY CATECHESIS PROGRAM CALENDAR 2024 – 2025

## HYBRID LEARNING

The Family Catechesis Program is a hybrid model of learning that incorporates in-person large group and classroom instruction, and homebased instruction provided by parents.

Each month focuses on a single **Unit**. A **Unit** consists of five **Sessions** (i.e., chapters) in the student textbook centered around a **Theme**. The **Theme** is the same across all grade levels (1 – 6). For example, the **Theme** for **Unit 1** is **God, Our Creator & Father**. All students in grades 1 – 6 will be exploring various aspects of this **Theme** across the five **Sessions** in that **Unit**.

- Our session start time 11:00 AM and begins with light refreshments in the parish hall, followed by prayer and introduction of the Unit Theme with parents and students.
- At roughly 11:20 AM students move to the classroom with their catechists for the presentation of the first Chapter of the Unit that is being covered that month. Parents remain in the hall and engage in a presentation and discussion on that month's theme and how to present the material at home to their children.
- All PowerPoints and resources presented during the parent session are posted in the student's Google Classroom for parents to access if needed during the month.
- Students will complete a paper Unit Assessment at home and bring it with them to the next monthly session where their Catechist will go through the Assessment with students and provide feedback to parents on any areas that may need reinforcing or further review. These Unit Tests will be graded.

Catechist will use Google Classroom to post material, such as links to the Unit Review, At-Home Parent Guides, links to online resources, and other resources to assist parents and students with at-home learning, but parents will typically work independently with their children at home on the completion of the four remaining Sessions for the Unit.

During the months of December and March, our Sunday session will focus on a seasonal theme related to Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter respectively. Resources will be provided to families during these months to help them celebrate these seasons of the Church in their homes. No Units in the textbook will be due during these months for grades 1 through 7.

### RE: Students in Grade 7

Students in Grade 7 use the **Chosen** textbook which is explicitly directed towards preparing them for reception of Confirmation by providing students with a comprehensive review of the Catholic faith. Therefore, the **Unit** and **Theme** aspect mentioned above does not pertain to them. Please see the calendar for specific chapters due each month. While there are no formal assessments for the Level 7 class, there will be monthly reflection questions based on the textbook and video segments that students will be required to complete. These questions, and all other Confirmation related assignments, will be posted in Google Classroom, and will be used to gauge student progress and preparation for Confirmation.

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Families are expected to complete the following before the end of the program year, May 31:

- **At least two Acts of Mercy**
- **At least two Spiritual Activities**
- **Children in Grades 3 – 7 are to receive the sacrament of Penance at least once.**

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

### Acts of Mercy

- Making Casseroles for St. John's Hospice
- Making Meals for Aid for Friends
- Food Drive for Holy Innocents Food Pantry

### Spiritual Activities

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Rectory Chapel
  - Tuesdays 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM

## CONFESSIONS

- Sunday mornings from 11 – 11:45 AM (CH)
- Saturday afternoons from 4:00 – 4:45 PM (CH)

## SEPTEMBER 2024

### Parent/Student Orientation

#### Level 7: At-Home Chapters 7, 8, & 18

- 08: Family Catechesis Orientation Session @ 11 AM (AUD)
- Level 7: Chap. 1
- 15: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)
- 30: Confirmation Parent & Candidate Evening of Reflection (C)

## OCTOBER 2024

### Unit 1 Theme: God, Our Creator and Father

#### Levels 1 – 6: At-Home Chapters: 2 – 5

#### Level 7: At-Home Chapters 3, & 4

- 13: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM: Unit 1 – God
- Level 1 – 6: Chap. 1
  - Level 7: Chap. 2 (Info Form and Sac. Material Fee Due!)
  - Parents: *Coming to Know God Through His Word*
- 20: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)
- 21: First Penance Parent Evening of Reflection, 7:00 – 8:30 PM (C)
- 25: Trunk or Treat Event (Rain Date 10/27)
- 27: KofC Pancake Breakfast, 8 AM – 12 PM

**NOVEMBER 2024**

**Unit 2 – Theme: Jesus, Our Lord and Savior**

**Levels 1 – 6: At-Home Chapters: 7 - 10**

**Level 7: At-home Chapters 6, & 23**

02: All Soul's Day Mass of Remembrance @ 11 AM

10: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM: Unit 2 – Jesus

- Levels 1 – 6: Chap. 6
- Level 7: Chap. 5 (Confirmation Name Reflection Due)
- Parents: *Discovering the True Meaning of Happiness as a Follower of Jesus*
- Unit 1 Assessment Due

Parish Mission @ 7 PM (C)

11: Parish Mission @ 7 PM (C)

12: Parish Mission @ 7 PM (C)

15: CCD Family Bingo Night 7 PM – 8:30 PM (AUD)

17: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)

27: Advent Giving Tree Begins

**DECEMBER 2024**

**Seasonal Session: Advent & Christmas**

**Levels 1 – 7: No Units or Chapters Assigned**

07: Lunch with Santa

08: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM: Seasonal Session: Advent/Christmas

- Theme: *Preparing for the Kingdom: A Season of Conversion*
- Unit 2 Assessment Due

15: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)

Advent Giving Tree Concludes

Festival of Choirs @ 6:30 PM (C)

**JANUARY 2025**

**Unit 3 – Theme: The Church, Our Community in the Spirit**

**Levels 1 – 6: At-Home Chapters 12 – 15**

**Level 7: At-Home Chapters 13, & 14**

12: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM: Unit 3 – The Church

- Level 1 – 6: Chap. 11
- Level 7: Chap. 12 (Sponsor Letters of Eligibility Due)
- Parents: *We Are One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic: So What?*

19: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)

26: Confirmation Retreat (A-L): 2:30 – 4:30 PM (AUD)

**FEBRUARY 2025**

**Unit 4 – Theme: Sacraments, Our Way of Life**

**Level 1 – 6: At-Home Chapters 17 – 20**

**Level 7: At-Home Chapters 10, & 15**

- 02: Confirmation Retreat (M-Z): 2:30 – 4:30 PM (AUD)
- 09: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM: Unit 4 – Sacraments
- Levels 1 – 6: Chap. 16
  - Level 7: Chap. 9 (Act of Mercy Reflection Due)
  - Parents: *The Sacraments of Initiation: God’s Path to Holiness*
  - Unit 3 Assessment Due
- 10: Eucharist Parent Evening of Reflection 7:00 – 8:15 PM (C)
- 16: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)
- 19: First Penance @ 7 PM (C)
- 28: CCD Family Movie Night 7 to 9 PM (AUD)

**MARCH 2025**

*KidTalk Lesson Implemented @ Home*

**Seasonal Session: Lent, Holy Week, & Easter**

**Levels 1 – 7: No Units or Chapters Assigned**

- 01: ***KidTalk Lessons Implemented @ Home This Month***
- 05: Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word at 3:30 PM (C); or Mass @ 7 PM (C)
- 07: Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)
- 09: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM: Seasonal Session – Lent/Holy Week/Easter
- Theme: *Entering the Paschal Mystery Through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving*
  - Unit 4 Assessment Due
- 14: First Holy Communion Family Retreat @ 7:00 PM;  
Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)
- 16: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)  
KofC Pancake Breakfast (AUD)
- 21: Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)
- 27: Confirmation Rehearsal; 5:30 – 7:00 PM (C)
- 28: Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)
- 29: Confirmation Mass @ 10 AM

**APRIL 2025**

**Unit 5 - Theme: Morality, Our Lived Faith**

**Levels 1 – 6: At-Home Chapters 22 – 25**

**Level 7: At-Home Chapters 21, & 24**

- 04: Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)  
11: Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)  
12: Easter Egg Hunt  
13: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM: Unit 5 – Morality
  - Levels 1 – 6: Chap. 21
  - Level 7: Chap. 20
  - Parents: *The 10 Commandments: Our Guide for Moral Living*15: Living Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)  
17: Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7 PM (C)  
18: Veneration of the Cross @ 3 PM (C);  
Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)  
Poor Man's Supper  
19: Easter Vigil @ 7:30 PM (C)  
20: *Easter Sunday*  
27: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)  
30: **First Holy Communion Rehearsal 5:00 – 6:30 PM (C)**

**MAY 2025**

**End-of-Year Celebrate Faith & Fellowship Group Celebration**

**Levels 1 – 6: No Units or Chapter Assigned**

- 01: CCD Registration Begins; Early Bird Discount Applies  
03: **First Holy Communion @ 10 AM (C)**  
04: Legacy of Life Baby Bottle Drive Begins  
14: **May Procession @ 7 PM (C)**  
18: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM (AUD)
  - Unit 5 Assessment Due
  - Year-end wrap up and pot-luck lunch18: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)  
31: CCD Registration Early Bird Discount Ends

**JUNE 2025**

- 15: Legacy of Life Baby Bottle Drive Ends  
23-27: Tentative: Vacation Bible School (AUD)