

FAMILY CATECHESIS PROGRAM CALENDAR

2022 – 2023

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 complete and online interactive review for each Chapter completed at home and submit it via email to their Catechist. These are reviews and not formal assessments. They will be noted for completion, but will not be graded.
- 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 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 6. For grade 7, please see below.**

RE: Students in Grade 7

Students in Grade 7 use the **Chosen** textbook which is explicitly directed towards preparing them for reception of Confirmation, and provides a comprehensive review of the Catholic faith. Therefore, the **Unit and Theme** aspect mentioned above does not pertain to them, **nor does the break in monthly assignments.** 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 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 – 4:00 PM
 - Thursdays 4 – 8 PM
- Sunday Vespers – 1st Sunday of the Month
 - Adoration 1 – 4 PM (C) – stop in for any length of time
 - Evening Prayer 4 – 4:30 PM (C)

CONFESSIONS

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

AUGUST 2022

30: Catechist Staff Meeting 5:30 – 7:30 PM (AUD)

SEPTEMBER 2022

Parent/Student Orientation

11: Family Catechesis Orientation Session @ 11 AM (AUD)
18: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)
29: Confirmation Parent & Candidate Evening of Reflection (C)

OCTOBER 2022

Unit 1 Theme: God, Our Creator and Father

At-Home Chapters: 2 – 5

(Level 7 – At-Home Chapters 2 – 3)

09: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM: Unit 1 – God

- Students: Chap. 1
- Parents: *Discovering What You Want Out of Life: God's Invitation & Our Response*

16: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)
27: First Penance Parent Evening of Reflection, 7:00 – 8:30 PM (C)

NOVEMBER 2022

Unit 2 – Theme: Jesus, Our Lord and Savior

At-Home Chapters: 7 - 10

(Level 7 – At-home Chapters 5 – 6)

- 13: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM: Unit 2 – Jesus
- Students: Chap. 6
 - Parents: *To Whom Can I Turn? Jesus: Fully Human, Fully Divine*
 - Unit 1 Assessment Due
- 40 Hours Devotion @ 7 PM (C)
- 14: 40 Hours Devotion @ 7 PM (C)
- 15: 40 Hours Devotion @ 7 PM (C)
- 20: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)
- 27: Advent Giving Tree Begins

DECEMBER 2022

Seasonal Session: Advent & Christmas

No Units Assigned

(Level 7 – At-Home Chapters 8 – 9)

- 11: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM: Seasonal Session: Advent/Christmas
- Theme: *A Time of Joyful Anticipation*
 - Unit 2 Assessment Due
- 18: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)
- Advent Giving Tree Concludes
- Festival of Choirs @ 6:30 PM (C)

JANUARY 2023

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

At-Home Chapters 12 – 15

(Level 7 – At-Home Chapters 11 – 12)

- 03: Catechist Evening of Enrichment 5:00 – 7:00 PM (AUD)
- 08: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM: Unit 3 – The Church
- Students: Chap. 11
 - Parents: *Catholic Identity: Does My Faith Make a Difference?*
- 15: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)
- 26: Eucharist Parent Evening of Reflection 7:00 – 8:15 PM (C)

FEBRUARY 2023

Unit 4 – Theme: Sacraments, Our Way of Life

At-Home Chapters 17 – 20

(Level 7 – At-Home Chapters 14 – 15)

- 12: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM: Unit 4 – Sacraments
- Students: Chap. 16
 - Parents: *What Sustains Me? The Mass and the Eucharist*
 - Unit 3 Assessment Due
- 19: Confirmation Retreat (A-L): 2:30 – 4:30 PM (AUD)
- Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)

- 22: Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word at 3:30 PM (C); or Mass @ 7 PM (C)
- 23: First Penance @ 7 PM (C)
- 26: Confirmation Retreat (M-Z): 2:30 – 4:30 PM (AUD)

MARCH 2023

KidTalk Lesson Implemented @ Home

Seasonal Session: Lent, Holy Week, & Easter

No Units Assigned

(Level 7 – At-Home Chapters 17 – 18)

- 01: *KidTalk Lessons Implemented @ Home This Month*
- 03: Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)
- 10: Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)
- 11: First Holy Communion Family Retreat @ 9:00 AM
- 12: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM: Seasonal Session – Lent/Holy Week/Easter
 - Theme: *Making Space for Jesus in Our Lives*
 - Unit 4 Assessment DueSt. Joseph Triduum @ 7 PM (C)
- 13: St. Joseph Triduum @ 7 PM (C)
- 14: St. Joseph Triduum @ 7 PM (C)
- 17: Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)
24 Hours for the Lord begins 4 PM (C)
- 18: 24 Hours for the Lord ends 4 PM (C)
- 19: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)
- 24: Lenten Fish Fry (AUD)
Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)

APRIL 2023

Unit 5 - Theme: Morality, Our Lived Faith

At-Home Chapters 22 – 25

(Level 7 – At-Home Chapters 20 – 21)

- 04: Catechist Dinner & Retreat 4:30 – 7:00 PM (AUD)
- 06: Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7 PM (C)
- 07: Seven Last Words of Christ @ 12 PM (C);
Veneration of the Cross @ 3 PM (C);
Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)
- 08: Easter Vigil @ 7:30 PM (C)
- 09: *Easter Sunday*
- 16: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM: Unit 5 – Morality
 - Students: Chap. 21
 - Parents: *The Moral Life: Stop Trying to Fix Yourself!*Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)

MAY 2022

End-of-Year Celebrate Faith & Fellowship Group Celebration

No Units Assigned

(Level 7 – At-Home Chapters 23 – 24)

- 01: CCD Registration Begins; Early Bird Discount Applies
Legacy of Life Baby Bottle Drive Begins
- 11: First Holy Communion Rehearsal 5:00 – 6:30 PM (C)
- 13: First Holy Communion @ 10 AM (C)
- 16: May Procession @ 7 PM (C)
- 21: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM (AUD)
 - Unit 5 Assessment DueSandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)
- 30: Confirmation Rehearsal for All Candidates: 5:30 – 7:00 PM (C)
- 31: Confirmation Mass: 4 PM (C)
CCD Registration Early Bird Discount Ends

JUNE 2022

- 19: Legacy of Life Baby Bottle Drive Ends
- 19-23: Vacation Bible School (AUD)