

# FAMILY CATECHESIS PROGRAM CALENDAR

## 2023 – 2024

### 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 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)

## AUGUST 2023

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

## SEPTEMBER 2023

### Parent/Student Orientation

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

10: Family Catechesis Orientation Session @ 11 AM (AUD)

- Level 7: Chap. 1

17: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)

25: Confirmation Parent & Candidate Evening of Reflection (C)

## OCTOBER 2023

### Unit 1 Theme: God, Our Creator and Father (Level 7 – At-Home Chapters 3, & 4)

At-Home Chapters: 2 – 5

08: 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*

15: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)

23: First Penance Parent Evening of Reflection, 7:00 – 8:30 PM (C)

**NOVEMBER 2023**

**Unit 2 – Theme: Jesus, Our Lord and Savior  
(Level 7 – At-home Chapters 6, & 23)**

**At-Home Chapters: 7 - 10**

- 12: 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
- 40 Hours Devotion @ 7 PM (C)
- 13: 40 Hours Devotion @ 7 PM (C)
- 14: 40 Hours Devotion @ 7 PM (C)
- 19: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)
- 25: Advent Giving Tree Begins

**DECEMBER 2023**

**Seasonal Session: Advent & Christmas  
(Level 7 – No Chapters Assigned)**

**No Units Assigned**

- 10: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM: Seasonal Session: Advent/Christmas
- Theme: *Preparing for the Kingdom: A Season of Conversion*
  - Unit 2 Assessment Due
- 17: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)
- Advent Giving Tree Concludes
- Festival of Choirs @ 6:30 PM (C)

**JANUARY 2024**

**Unit 3 – Theme: The Church, Our Community in the Spirit  
(Level 7 – At-Home Chapters 13, & 14)**

**At-Home Chapters 12 – 15**

- 02: Catechist Evening of Enrichment 5:00 – 7:00 PM (AUD)
- 14: 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?*
- 21: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)
- 28: Confirmation Retreat (A-L): 2:30 – 4:30 PM (AUD)
- 29: Eucharist Parent Evening of Reflection 7:00 – 8:15 PM (C)

**FEBRUARY 2024**

**Unit 4 – Theme: Sacraments, Our Way of Life  
(Level 7 – At-Home Chapters 10, & 15)**

**At-Home Chapters 17 – 20**

- 04:** Confirmation Retreat (M-Z): 2:30 – 4:30 PM (AUD)
- 11:** 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
- 14:** Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word at 3:30 PM (C); or Mass @ 7 PM (C)
- 16:** Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)
- 18:** Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)
- 22:** First Penance @ 7 PM (C)
- 23:** Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)

**MARCH 2024**

**Seasonal Session: Lent, Holy Week, & Easter  
(Level 7 – No Chapters Assigned)**

***KidTalk Lesson Implemented @ Home  
No Units Assigned***

- 01:** *KidTalk Lessons Implemented @ Home This Month*
- 01:** Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)
- 08:** Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)  
24 Hours for the Lord begins 4 PM (C)
- 09:** 24 Hours for the Lord ends 4 PM (C)
- 10:** 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
- 15:** First Holy Communion Family Retreat @ 7:00 PM  
Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)
- 17:** Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)  
St. Joseph Triduum @ 7 PM (C)
- 18:** St. Joseph Triduum @ 7 PM (C)
- 19:** St. Joseph Triduum @ 7 PM (C)
- 22:** Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)
- 26:** Catechist Dinner & Retreat 4:30 – 7:00 PM (AUD)
- 28:** Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7 PM (C)
- 29:** Seven Last Words of Christ @ 12 PM (C);  
Veneration of the Cross @ 3 PM (C);  
Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM (C)
- 30:** Easter Vigil @ 7:30 PM (C)
- 31:** *Easter Sunday*

**APRIL 2024**

**Unit 5 - Theme: Morality, Our Lived Faith  
(Level 7 – At-Home Chapters 21, & 24)**

**At-Home Chapters 22 – 25**

- 03: Confirmation Rehearsal for All Candidates: 5:30 – 7:00 PM (C)
- 04: Confirmation Mass: 4 PM (C)
- 14: 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*
- 21: Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)

**MAY 2024**

**End-of-Year Celebrate Faith & Fellowship Group Celebration  
(Level 7 – No Chapters Assigned)**

**No Units Assigned**

- 01: CCD Registration Begins; Early Bird Discount Applies
- 04: Legacy of Life Baby Bottle Drive Begins
- 09: First Holy Communion Rehearsal 5:00 – 6:30 PM (C)
- 11: First Holy Communion @ 10 AM (C)
- 14: May Procession @ 7 PM (C)
- 19: Family Catechesis Session @ 11 AM (AUD)
- Unit 5 Assessment Due
  - Year-end wrap up and pot-luck lunch
- Sandwich Sunday @ 11 AM (AUD)
- 31: CCD Registration Early Bird Discount Ends

**JUNE 2024**

- 16: Legacy of Life Baby Bottle Drive Ends
- 24-28: Vacation Bible School (AUD)