



# Family Catechesis

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish

**2025—2026 Information**

*Starts as curriculum, ends in a lifestyle*

"Family-centered catechetical programs are opportunities for parents to catechize their children directly, for spouses to catechize each other and for children to catechize one another and their parents"

(National Directory for Catechesis #61.2)

## FAMILY CATECHESIS GOALS & MISSION

- Bring families together to share & deepen their Catholic faith & facilitate faith formation of students at home
- Help families learn how to pray & discuss faith together
- Provide flexibility for today's families with work, school & activities
- Support parents in more fully understanding their role as primary catechists in their child's formation
- Strengthen the relationship between family & Church by integrating families into the parish community
- Establish ongoing Catholic faith practices within family life

## THE BASICS: HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

**GATHERINGS:** Parents & Director of Youth Faith Formation will meet up to 6 times during the year to discuss the upcoming unit to be taught at home. Parents will receive resources and support to facilitate lessons at home. Meetings will be about one to one and a half hour each. Our first meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, September 7, 2025**. While parents meet, students check-in with parish catechists for a quick introduction lesson.

**HOME LESSONS:** Parents will lead their children in assigned lessons for each unit at home. Children will complete chapter assessments online. Parish catechists will monitor the online work and serve as a guide to the family.

**Easy-to-use lesson plans will be provided to support parent-led lessons. More than one student? No problem. Your children can be taught together as similar themes are covered at the same time for every grade!**

**FAITH & FAMILY EVENTS:** Parents & students will attend scheduled Faith & Family events throughout the year. These faith based events will be provided by the Director of Youth Faith Formation and will be themed around current study, liturgical seasons and parish events. Some events are in person, while others may be in-home activities.

### SACRAMENTAL YEARS:

Students in grades 2 and 7 are required to attend the traditional in-person class or Confirmation Camp.

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### **FAMILY FAITH KIT: WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE:**

- Student Grade Level Textbooks
- Parent Online Lesson Guide
- Pacing Schedule to stay on track
- Parent Support on Unit Faith Topics from grade level catechists, Director of Youth Faith Formation, and parish Clergy
- Access to Student Assessments for Submission (Digital)
- Access to Faith & Family events

### **2025—2026 FAMILY CALENDAR**

The program is designed to cover 6 units of study (Sept. 7, Oct. 12, Nov. 16, Jan 11, Feb 8, and Mar. 15 - *closing event*). Each unit should be completed at a reasonable pace and schedule that works for your family over 5-6 weeks. Each parent gathering will review the upcoming unit.

### **2025—2026 PROGRAM FEES**

Family Catechesis incurs costs in addition to books & materials. Program fees help defray the following costs to provide you with the best resources to teach your children at home: textbooks, material copies to be sent home, faith & family events, online support & communication fees.

**First Student: \$280 — Two Students: \$455 — Three Students: \$570**

(All are Early Bird Rates for Registration prior to June 30, 2025)

### **YOUR SUPPORT SYSTEM**

- **Director of Youth Faith Formation**
- **Director of Adult Faith Formation**
- **Parish Clergy and Staff**
- **Support Catechists**



### **MATERIALS & ASSESSMENT**

All grades will use the Loyola Press CHRIST OUR LIFE textbook series. All students will receive a physical textbook. The online component gives you access to lesson plans, videos, & review activities to help guide your children through the lessons. Weekly assessments are done online.

**Material pick-up will be  
at the first family gathering on  
September 7, 2025**