

**Kindergarten through Grade 8  
Religious Education Homeschool Option  
2025-2026**

**At-Home Catechesis Resources include:**

- *Finding God* grade-level textbook for each child (K-8)
- *Finding God* At-Home Edition parent lesson plans for each grade (print or digital access)
- Access to online resources, including Interactive Session Reviews and Learning Games
- Upon request, a Bible for each child will be provided:
  - *Catholic Children's Bible* (grades K-2)
  - *Breakthrough Bible* (grade 3)
  - *Good News Bible* (grades 4-7)
  - *Catholic Youth Bible* (grade 8)



**Parents and Families will be supported by:**

- Online sessions for parents to introduce each unit of *Finding God* At-Home lessons (live and recorded):

Sept. 7, Pick up materials	Sept. 14, 1 pm Unit 1 intro	Oct. 26, 1 pm Unit 2 intro	Jan. 11, 1 pm Unit 3 intro	Feb. 22, 1 pm Unit 4 intro	Apr. 12, 1 pm Unit 5 intro
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- Events to be offered in-person:

Oct. 5: Parish Picnic/Feast of St. Francis (family event)	Oct. 19-21: Circle of Grace lesson for students (required)	Dec. 7: In-person family event: Advent & Christmas	Feb. 17: Parish Pancake Supper (family event)	Mar. 9-23: Archdiocesan Faith Knowledge Assessment, Gr. 3-8 (required)	Apr. 3: Family Stations of the Cross (family event)	May 3: May Crowning/End of Year Celebration (family event)
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**Registration fee: \$150.00 per child (discounts applied for registrations received by 6/15/2025 & 8/15/2025)**  
(Pay online by choosing "RE Registration" through Faith Direct at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/MD110>,  
OR pay by check payable to "St. Francis of Assisi Church" with note "2025-26 RE" on the memo line. If payment  
of registration fees poses a financial hardship, please contact us and allow us to assist you.)

**Questions?** Call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193 or email [sfareligioused@sfadw.org](mailto:sfareligioused@sfadw.org)

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Sign up to receive email updates about our parish Religious Education program on Flocknote:

[www.SFADerwood.flocknote.com/ReligiousEducation](http://www.SFADerwood.flocknote.com/ReligiousEducation)

Visit the parish website: [www.sfadw.org](http://www.sfadw.org)

Facebook page: "St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church"

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*Gathering with the parish community for Sunday Mass, praying daily, celebrating the Sacraments,  
and participating regularly in faith formation are all essential to our growth in holiness. As parents,  
we seek these opportunities for ourselves, and we share them with our children.*

*Thank you for making your child's faith formation a priority in your family life!  
If we can assist you in any way, please let us know.*

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Homeschool Catechesis: Lesson & Event Schedule**

Date	
Sept. 7	At-home Materials available for pick-up
Sept. 14, 1 pm	Online Parent Meeting: Unit 1 Overview
Sept. 21	Session 1
Sept. 28	Session 2
Oct. 5	<i>Parish Picnic- Feast of St. Francis (family event)</i>
Oct. 12	Session 3
Oct. 19	Session 4
Oct. 19-21	In-Person <i>Circle of Grace</i> lesson for students (required; look for sign-up information)
Oct. 26, 1 pm	Online Parent Meeting: Unit 2 Overview
Nov. 2	Session 5/All Saints Day lesson
Nov. 9	Session 6
Nov. 16	Session 7
Nov. 23	Session 8
Nov. 30	Advent Lesson/Session 10
Dec. 7	In-person Family Event: Advent/Christmas (parent and children attend together)
Dec. 14	Session 9
Dec. 21	Christmas/Session 15
Jan. 11, 1 pm	Online Parent Meeting: Unit 3 Overview
Jan. 18	Session 11
Jan. 25	Session 12
Feb. 1	Session 13
Feb. 8	Session 14
Feb. 15	Lent Lesson/Session 20
Feb. 17	<i>Parish Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (family event)</i>
Feb. 22, 1 pm	Online Parent Meeting: Unit 4 Overview/Lent/Holy Week/Easter
Mar. 1	Session 16
Mar. 8	Session 17
Mar. 9-23	Faith Knowledge Assessment for students in Grades 3-8 (required; look for additional information)
Mar. 15	Session 18
Mar. 22	Session 19
Mar. 29	Holy Week lessons
April 3	<i>Good Friday Family Stations of the Cross (family event)</i>
Apr. 5	Easter Lessons/Session 25
Apr. 12, 1 pm	Online Parent Meeting: Unit 5 Overview
Apr. 12	Session 21
Apr. 19	Session 22
April 26	Session 23
May 3	Session 24 & Pentecost lesson
May 3	<i>End of Year Celebration-May Crowning Family Event (parents and children together)</i>

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday      **5:00 pm**

**Sunday 8:00 am \* 9:30 am \* 11:15 am \* 1:00 pm (Spanish) \* 5:00 pm**