

Parent Taught Formation 1st Grade

2023-
2024

Instructions:

Welcome to our Parent Taught Formation Program for 2023-2024. We are happy to partner with you to help form your child in the faith!

Please read all the instructions.

How to Use This Calendar

Below please find a calendar that gives you the sessions that will be covered in the classroom formation option with some necessary variations. This calendar is provided as a guideline. You have permission to be flexible with this schedule. If you get to a session that you think your child will find too easy, please review the concepts, and move to the next. Similarly, feel free to spend more time on a session that has a lot of new concepts for your child to grasp. You will note that sometimes sessions are doubled up that you can separate if you choose, and some sessions are not even listed. Please feel free to do MORE of the book than what is listed. I have allowed for your family to have the same “time off” that our classroom option is taking, but feel free to use those off weeks to spread the sessions out.

Turning in Assignments

Lessons will be turned in at the reception desk in the RE building by the first of each month. I will have a bin labeled “Parent Taught Formation Lessons” at one end of the reception desk. Please make sure your lessons are labeled with your child’s name and are securely fastened together if there is more than one page. Please feel free to turn in sessions when you come to Mass each week if you choose.

Parent Meeting

Please plan to attend the parent Taught Parent Meeting on Zoom on Monday, August 28 at 7:30 pm. It should take about an hour.

Catechist Guide Access is Online

Your catechists guide for you to reference to know how to teach your child each lesson will be available through your email account you provided on your registration form. We will go over that process in our parent meeting. To access your catechist manual, go to SophiaTeachers.org and log in. Use your email as the username and the password **sophia**

You should be able to locate and open your child’s grade level catechist manual.

Family Workshops

For the two **Family Workshop** dates (highlighted in yellow):

- You will not hold a normal session for these dates.
- A Family workshop is designed for families to attend faith formation together at St Mark. We invite you to attend at one of the following times:
 - Sunday morning, 10:15-11:15 am
 - Sunday evening, 5:15-6:30 pm
 - Wednesday evening, 5:30-6:30 pm (Check with Andrea for dates)
- Each child must have a parent to accompany them

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- If you do not bring your child to attend this event, then please complete the lesson listed in parentheses for that date.

Parent Guide

I encourage you to read through the Parent Guide. There are many opportunities for you and your child to step in and be an active part of the community here that are found in the parent guide.

Empowering God's Children – Must attend to volunteer

For the date that has **Empowering God's Children** in the notes section (highlighted in yellow)- your child is invited to attend the diocesan required Personal Safety Lesson that will be offered by grade level at the same session times listed above on **Sunday, September 24 & Wednesday, September 27.**

If your child volunteers in any capacity or wants to volunteer in the next year (altar serving, VBS crew leaders, etc.) your child MUST attend their age level session.

If your child will not attend, please fill out the OPT OUT form found in the parent guide and return it by September 20, 2023.

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Week	Date (Sun)	Notes	Liturgical Color	First Grade
1	August 27, 2023		Green	Session 1: God Is Our Father and We Are His Children
OFF	September 3, 2023	Labor Day	Green	No Formation Sessions
2	September 10, 2023		Green	Session 2: We Respond to God
3	September 17, 2023		Green	Session 3: God Created Everything Out Of Love
4	September 24, 2023		Green	Session 4: God is a Trinity
	October 1, 2023	LESSONS DUE		Turn in all completed Sessions
OFF	October 1, 2023	St. Mark OctoberFest	Green	No Formation Sessions
5	October 8, 2023		Green	Session 5: The Attributes of God
6	October 15, 2023		Green	Session 6: Who is Jesus? - The Incarnation
7	October 22, 2023		Green	Session 7: God Gave Us Hi Son So We Could Go to Heaven
8	October 29, 2023	Wednesday: All Saints, Solemnity	Green	Session 8: Jesus Shows Us How to Live
	November 1, 2023	LESSONS DUE		Turn in all completed Sessions
9	November 5, 2023		Green	Session 9: Jesus Taught Us How to Be Happy
10	November 12, 2023		Green	Session 10: Jesus Calls Us to Follow and Imitate Him
11	November 19, 2023		Green	"Discover the Mass" Family Workshop (Session 22: Jesus Gave Us the Mass)
OFF	November 26, 2023	No Formation Sessions- Thanksgiving	White	No Formation Sessions-Thanksgiving

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12	December 3, 2023	1st week of Advent	Violet	Session 11: What is Prayer?
13	December 10, 2023	2nd week of Advent	Violet	Session 12: Jesus Prayed to His Father
OFF	December 17, 2023	3rd week of Advent- Gaudete Sunday	Rose	No Formation Sessions-Christmas
OFF	December 24, 2023	4th Sunday of Advent	Violet	No Formation Sessions-Christmas
OFF	December 31, 2023	Sunday: The Holy Family; Christmas	White	No Formation Sessions-Epiphany
14	January 7, 2024		White	Session 13: The Lord's Prayer
	January 7, 2024	LESSONS DUE		Turn in all completed Sessions
15	January 14, 2024		Green	Session 14: Types of Prayer
16	January 21, 2024		Green	Session 15: God's Plan For Us- Adam and Eve before the Fall
17	January 28, 2024		Green	Session 16: The Fall and Its Aftermath
	February 1, 2023	LESSONS DUE		Turn in all completed Sessions
18	February 4, 2024		Green	Session 17: God Still Loves Us and Saves Us from Sin
OFF	February 11, 2024	Super Bowl/Ash Wednesday	Green	No Formation Sessions - Ash Wednesday
19	February 18, 2024	Lent	Violet	Session 18: Baptism Makes Us Members of God's Family
20	February 25, 2024	Lent	Violet	Session 19: God's Grace Helps Us to Become Saints
	March 1, 2024	LESSONS DUE		Turn in all completed Sessions
21	March 3, 2024	Lent	Violet	Session 20: Jesus Died for Our Sins

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OFF	March 10, 2024	Lent- Laetare Sunday Spring Break	Rose	No Formation Sessions- Spring Break
OFF	March 17, 2024	Lent Spring Break	Violet	No Formation Sessions- Spring Break
22	March 24, 2024	Sunday: Palm Sunday	Red	Session 21: Jesus Rose from the Dead
OFF	March 31, 2024	Easter	White	No Formation Sessions - Holy Week & Easter
	April 1, 2024	LESSONS DUE		Turn in all completed Sessions
23	April 7, 2024	Easter	White	Session 23: Jesus Gives Himself to Us in the Eucharist
24	April 14, 2024	Easter	White	Session 25: Who is Mary
25	April 21, 2024	Easter	White	We are an Easter People! Family Faith Workshop (Session 24: We Worship as a Community in Our Parish)
26	April 28, 2024	Easter	White	Session 26: Mary Shows Us How to Love God
27	May 5, 2024	Last Formation Session	White	Session 27: Mary's Intercession
	May 19, 2024	LESSONS DUE		Turn in all completed Sessions