

CATECHETICAL PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES OF ST. MILDRED PARISH

Our Parish will continue this year “**A Family of Faith**” – an innovative program that catechizes the entire family. This engaging program stresses a parental involvement in the faith growth of the family, while providing the parents with skills to accomplish their vocation as teachers of faith. It will consist of two equally important components; **parish catechetical sessions for ALL GRADES children, their PARENTS and all others as well as family lesson time at home**

The monthly catechetical sessions will last approximately one hour and will be conducted on the second Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. Over the course of the month, parents will be expected to teach two lessons to their children at home with the easy-to-use *A Family of Faith* parent guide and student activity books.

The content of this year’s program will be based on the Part III of the Catholic Catechism “Life in Christ”
The themes and dates for the monthly catechetical sessions are as follows:

- **Sunday, September 13:** Journey to Heaven: Our Final Destination
- **Sunday, October 18:** Conscience: God's Law in our Hearts
- **Sunday, November 15:** Cardinal and Theological Virtues
- **Sunday, December 13:** The First Great Commandment and the First Four Commandments
- **Sunday, January 10:** The 5th-10th Commandments
- **Sunday, February 7:** The New Commandment and the Works of Mercy
- **Sunday, March 7:** The Beatitudes

In order to actively participate in this program, each family is asked to obtain the following books:

Family of Faith Vol. 3 Parent’s Guide
Family of Faith Vol. 3 Children’s Book.

Books may be purchased online at: <https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/shop/family-of-faith>

Because, this program is family based, only one of each books per family is needed. The books will be used for the family lessons at home. For more information on this program please visit the above website.

The Parish Catechists will still continue to offer Sacramental Preparation classes for First Communion and Confirmation students.

FIRST COMMUNION

Second grade children will meet weekly after the 9am Sunday Mass, except for the second Sunday of the Month, when they are asked to attend the parish catechetical session with their families. First Communion will take place on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 9am Mass.

CONFIRMATION

Ninth grade youth participate in a Family of Faith Program, Youth Ministry and Diocesan youth activities, as they prepare for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The date and place of Confirmation has not yet been determined.

There is no fee for participating in any of the faith formation programs. However, for planning purposes registration is required. To register, please fill out and submit an online registration form which can be found on our parish website: www.stmildred.info. **Registration deadline is September 6, 2020.**

