
Our Programs

Kindergarten: **GOD MADE THE WORLD**

Inspires wonder and marvel at God's world.

Program One: **GOD LOVES US**

Invites young believers into a personal encounter with God.

Program Two: **JESUS SHARES GOD'S LIFE**

Excellent prep for Reconciliation and Communion.

Program Three: **WE ARE THE CHURCH**

Emphasis is placed on the role of the Holy Spirit.

Program Four: **GOD'S LAW GUIDES US**

Explores the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes in-depth.

Program Five: **WE MEET JESUS IN THE SACRAMENTS**

Presents detailed descriptions of the Sacraments as signs in which Jesus meets with us.

Program Six: **WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE**

Invites young believers into a deeper understanding of God's Word in the Bible.

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

A good overview of the faith for those who have not had instruction through previous grades.

CONFIRMED IN THE SPIRIT

A beautiful and rich program for all students preparing for Confirmation.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

A course on Jesus Christ and His Disciples.

**programs for older students
are also available**

PREPARING FOR A SACRAMENT?

If your child is preparing to receive any Sacrament you will need to contact your parish to make the actual arrangements for the reception of the Sacrament.

Be sure to ask about any special meetings or retreats that the parish may host.

FIRST COMMUNION & FIRST RECONCILIATION

Program Two, *Jesus Shares God's Life*, is excellent preparation.

(If your child has had little or no previous instruction, he or she may benefit from completing Program One first.)

Older children may use Program Five instead of Program Two.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmed in the Spirit is a beautiful program to prepare children for Confirmation.

When you need some extra help ...

Our Catholic Faith is a program that offers a good overview of the faith and can be helpful for children in grades 5 to 9 who have had little formal religious instruction.



CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

**Parent-child interactive programs
for faith development
in the home**

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Introductory Information



Programs are usually completed in 6 to 7 months. (Although there is flexibility in these time lines.)



The worksheets accompanying the texts highlight what is important in each chapter.



Children are assigned a catechist who reads and responds to your child's work.



If you have needs, concerns, or questions, contact your catechist by phone or email.



A progress report is sent to your pastor periodically.



When the course is completed, each child receives a certificate and your parish is notified.

Strategies for Success

Programs should not be considered as "homework".

- Read with your child.
- Younger children may need you to scribe some of their answers.

Review and discuss what was learned before answering the questions.

- Read through the whole lesson first. The lessons will contain answers to questions.

Send lessons in 3 or 4 at a time.

- Make sure your child's name is on all worksheets.
- Send work in on a regular basis (once or twice a month).
- Use the Achievement Flyer to stay on track.

Share your faith!

- Pray often with your child. Before or after a lesson, at meals, and bedtime are all good times to pray!
- Feel relaxed; enjoy the time together.
- Show them how you *live* what is learned.

A final thought ...

While programs are available for sacramental preparation, we strongly encourage parents to consider ongoing faith development.

We know that grace is not poured into us as a one-time event during the reception of a sacrament.

In a special way, God's life is shared with us in a sacramental encounter - but God's life continues to grow in us day by day, year by year, as we nurture this amazing gift of God's life in us.