

## Welcome to the St. Mary Religious Education - **FAMILY CATECHESIS** – Program!

We welcome you and are very excited to walk with you on your journey of sharing your Faith together as a Family! Please see a few specifics to our Family Catechesis program below.

Family Catechesis Commitments:

- *Commitment:* Commitment to sharing your Faith at home with your child(ren), attend Mass and actively participate in Church community, complete the lessons provided and attend scheduled Family Catechesis sessions that are listed on the calendar provided.
- *Family Catechesis Sunday Sessions* are approx. 45 minutes held in St. Mary school Lunchroom after the 9:30 Mass. Please use door #10S. We invite you to participate in the 9:30 Mass. The children's liturgy of the word offered at the 9:30 Mass invites children to be dismissed from church to the Main Hall in the School. They will read the Gospel and talk about what it means in their own words. (Ages 5-10yrs old. A Parent is asked to accompany younger children)
- *Lesson Plans:* The Lesson Plans are to guide you on your journey at a nice even pace throughout the Liturgical year. Please follow the Lesson plan and complete your assignments at home together.
- *Childs workbook:* Each child will receive a workbook. Chapter and Unit Reviews at the end of each chapter and unit are to be completed and turned in at your next scheduled Sunday Family Session. In the event that you miss a scheduled Sunday Family Session due to sickness, we ask that you bring in your chapter and unit reviews to the Religious Ed or Parish office no later than the Wednesday following your Family Session.
- *Parent Guide:* Kindergarten – [www.allelu.com](http://www.allelu.com)
  - Click on Activities & Resources
  - On the left side under Kindergarten, click on home session plans – no chapter or unit reviews.
  - Please write weekly reflection on lesson plan sheet and hand in at each family session.
- *Parent Guide:* 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade -The Parent Guide suggests how to teach each chapter. This is online.
  - Parent guide for each chapter go to [www.aliveinchrist.osv.com/family](http://www.aliveinchrist.osv.com/family),
  - click on the green tab – Student and family
  - click on “In Home” tab
  - click on the grade level and chapter
- *Paperless?* Ebooks and online unit and chapter tests are available. If interested, please contact Sue Theodore [stheodore@stmarybg.org](mailto:stheodore@stmarybg.org).
- *Online resources:* Please enjoying using the Our Sunday Visitor website. Along with the Parent guide there are so many other resources available for you to enrich your faith journey both personally and for your family. Games for the kids, articles, reading suggestions, Faith formation videos, etc. [www.aliveinchrist.osv.com/family](http://www.aliveinchrist.osv.com/family)
- All Family Catechesis information can be found on [re.stmarybg.org](http://re.stmarybg.org) under Family Catechesis
- We are here to accompany YOU! If you ever need any support or have questions or concerns, please contact us. Sue Theodore [stheodore@stmarybg.org](mailto:stheodore@stmarybg.org),

May God Bless you and your family! Enjoy your journey!