



## St. Francis of Assisi Religious Education Program

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In response to the demands of family life and assisting parents in making religious education a priority in their homes, we added a “Family Based Catechesis” component/option to our parish religious education program. Please note: we will still have the regularly scheduled weekly PREP sessions.

The plan is as follows:

Instead of families sending their children to the weekly PREP sessions:

- Students and their parents come together from 6:15 to 8:00PM once per month, for 7 months (September, October, November, January, February, March, and April ).
- In this session students are introduced to a new unit of study by catechists in age-appropriate classrooms and are taught the first chapter of the unit for the particular month’s theme (7 themes for 7 months).
- At the same time, parents participate in exploring these same themes through adult presentations and discussions.
- Parents, with resources provided, then work with their children throughout the month completing the last 2 chapters of each unit.
- Other expectations:
  - Families are also required to “Explore Four” (or more) life of the parish events of their choice during the 7 months that support faith formation and hand in a reflection form following attendance. An example would be to: attend or participate in an RCIA learning session, Family Advent Day, the Lenten Reconciliation Service and a parish service opportunity
  - Families complete the 7 Unit Reviews/Assessments online and send them to the director of the program via e-mail.

The dates for Family Catechesis for 2019-2020 are: September 19 (6:30-7:30) Orientation for new families, September 26, October 24, November 21, January 23, February 20, March 19, April 16. The closing for Family Catechesis is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2020 (11:30 Mass/May Procession/Lunch)

Feel free to call me at 610-543-0848 to ask further questions.

Sincerely,

Madelyn McBride