

Family

*We may not have it all together,
but together we have it all!*

Pope Francis's Message to Your Family

Pope Francis's message directs our mission in walking beside your family on our Catholic faith journey.

"The future passes through the family. So protect your families! Families will always have their trials, but may you never add to them! Instead, be living examples of love, forgiveness and care. What a gift this would be to society, if every Christian family lived fully its noble vocation! So rise with Jesus and Mary, and set out on the path the Lord traces for each of you."

Additional Family Support Programming

In addition to our Family and Youth programming, you will receive access to:

- **Parent Ministry videos**—expand your parenting toolbox with age specific tips and guidance (E2E)
- **Parent Scripture Study**—prior to attending Mass, explore the weekend Gospel and learn answers to questions like: who wrote the Gospels, and how can I incorporate scripture into my daily life (E2E)

Your Catechists



Program Director Mary Sue Reutebuch has worked in child and family education for over 30 years in the capacity of a Montessori teacher, Head of School, and Director of Christian Formation. Mary

Sue has a B.S. in Education Communication from Ohio University. She is a certified Spiritual Director and holds a M.A. in Pastoral Theology from St. Meinrad Seminary and College of Theology.

Youth Minister Janis Parker has been teaching and instructing in the Catholic Faith for over 37 years, as a catechist, Catholic school teacher, and retreat and small group leader. Janis holds a B.A. in Education and an Interdisciplinary Human Development degree from Marquette University, and is pursuing a certification in Spiritual Direction from the Haden Institute.



Christian Formation Programming
for Grades 4k-11



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ALEXANDRIA AND
ST. JOAN OF ARC

2020-2021

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Getting To Know YOU!

This year our programs are focused on both the gift of smaller groups and meeting with individual families. Through this process we hope to strengthen our faith community one family at a time.



With both our Family and Youth programs, you may choose to meet in person or remotely:

- **Face to Face (F2F)** - meetings take place at St. Catherine of Alexandria in groups of 10 or less with masks expected.
- **Eye to Eye (E2E)** - meetings take place via Zoom. (Please note we encourage a parent be present in the room while a child or youth are online with a Catechist.)

Please note that if our area is required to quarantine due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all classes will continue to run in our E2E format.

Contact Joanna Vanderhoef, Office Manager for Ministry Operations to register for our programs
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Family Program

Faith In your Shared Home
Families with children through grade 6

To support Pope Francis's message, our Family program is designed with three parts:

Family Catechesis 1 session a month November– June

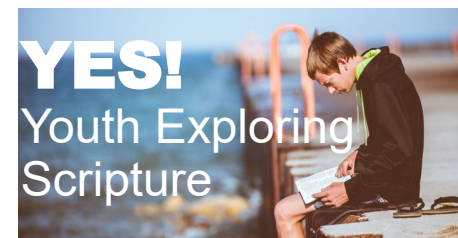
Families meet with Mary Sue Reutebuch, Director of Christian Formation, to explore the faith needs of your specific family. Each session is creatively designed based on a monthly lesson. Children will then work together at home over the following weeks to dig deeper into the topic.

Children's Lessons 1 session a month November– June

Children will meet with their grade level class for faith building lessons with their catechist. *Second grade children will receive their sacramental preparation in this time as well.

Family Faith Passport

In addition, each family will receive a Family Faith Passport, offering the family an opportunity to travel through our Catholic faith in each continent!



Youth Program

Youth Exploring Scripture
Grades 7 through 11

Your youth will be invited to explore the Sunday Gospels and make connections to their lives and the world in which they live:

Your Unique Family

Individually we will welcome your family to the faith journey ahead. Youth Minister Janis Parker or Program Director Mary Sue Reutebuch look forward to remotely connecting with parents and youth to reflect on the questionnaire that will tell us about your family.

Youth Meetings 1 session a month November– June

Youth will meet with their grade level to explore how Scripture takes hold in each of their lives and calls them to serve. *Eleventh grade Confirmation Candidates will receive their sacramental preparation in this time as well.

Monthly Retreats **Scripture and Chill (SAC)**

Whether at home, in the woods, with a friend, or alone, taking a break (retreating) nourishes our faith life. Each month your youth will receive a SAC(k) with a unique retreat experience designed for them. Take a break!