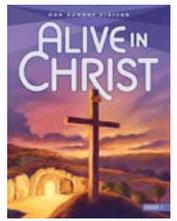


## Faith Formation Models for 2017 – 2018

The curriculum series used for all three models is “Alive in Christ” by Our Sunday Visitor. It utilizes a layered approach to religious education; that is, the eight catechetical themes are presented every year on increasingly higher levels that are age-appropriate.



### Traditional Classroom Model

This is the classroom based model that offers Catechist led learning of the faith. The curriculum has 21 faith lessons that are scheduled from September through April.

Approximately three classes a month. (see calendar)

- When a child misses a session it is the parents’ responsibility to cover the missed lesson at home.
- During the year, each grade level will have a parent participation lesson where at least one parent/guardian is invited in to the classroom to share the learning experience with your child. (Required)
- Parents are expected to attend the beginning of the year informational meeting, and help in the classroom if needed; act as substitute catechists if possible.

Sunday K – 6	Session 1	8:40 am – 9:50 am
Sunday K – 6	Session 2	11:10 am – 12:20 pm
Tuesday K – 6	Session 3	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm
Wednesday 7 & 8	Session	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

### Family Catechesis Model – “Families Alive in Christ”

This model offers a total family approach to catechesis and is designed for a family to grow in their faith together. The curriculum is 21 faith lessons from October through April.

- The program requires families to attend one **On-site Faith Learning Session** per month and complete two **At Home Faith Sessions** per month.

#### **On-site Faith Learning Sessions will include:**

**Gather** – For a meal, prayer & large group topic presentation.

**Invite** - Encounter God in His Word by breaking out into age-specific lessons.

**Discover**- Learning for children and adults continues with a lesson or activity based in the monthly faith theme.

**Share** - Families gather again into a large group for discussion and sharing of faith.

**At Home Faith Sessions will include:** - Materials provided for families to continue the faith learning at home and families are required to complete the two lessons before the next monthly session.

The Family Catechesis sessions are held one Sunday per month from 11:00am – 1:30pm. (see calendar)

### Homeschool Model

The Homeschool model offers home based learning with the Parent as the primary teacher of the faith. The curriculum has 21 faith lessons which are completed at home at the parents’ discretion. (One lesson per week is preferable.)

The homeschool model includes an on-line component where chapter tests are submitted. The “Alive in Christ” website also offers home session plans, chapter review tests, and games and puzzles for each grade level. (Children are required to attend at least one parish event throughout the year; Visit to Bethlehem, Mardi Gras, Vacation Bible School, Stations of the Cross, Adoration...)

**\*\* Second graders who will be receiving First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion may choose the Traditional model or Family Catechesis model. (Homeschool is not an option)**