

**Family-Based Catechesis (FBC) Registration
St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish
2018-2019**

PARENT or GUARDIAN NAME(s) _____

ADDRESS _____

PARISH REGISTERED WITH? St. Matthew (Yes) or Other (Name) _____

TELEPHONE (Circle the "T" to receive short-notice text messages to that number, ex. weather cancellation.

Primary (_____) _____ T Secondary (_____) _____ T

EMAIL

Primary _____ Secondary _____

For occasional FBC-related info, share my email address with my youth's primary Catechist (Yes) or (No)

FEE \$85/Youth (\$100/Youth if Sacrament Prep) with \$200/Family (Max). St. Matthew School (\$30/family)

Total Fee = \$ _____

No registered St. Matthew parish family will be denied religious education opportunities due to financial hardship--please discuss with the Director of Religious Education (DRE).

YOUTH Youth being enrolled and his/her grade level for the **2018-2019** school year:

<u>NAME (First Last)</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NOTABLE MED, ALLERGY, OTHER INFO</u>
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SPANISH MATERIALS? (Circle) We request the (Parent's Guide) and/or (Activity Guide) in Spanish.

Additional Emergency Contact Information

Contact for an adult in case of emergency and you can't be reached at the numbers above.

Name _____ Phone Number (_____) _____

Emergency Medical Treatment

I hereby authorize St. Matthew's and/or other Archdiocese of Omaha staff/volunteers to obtain emergency medical treatment for my child in case I cannot be reached. Personnel may also notify the "Additional Emergency Contact Information" listed above in case a parent/guardian cannot be reached.

Doctor's Name _____ Doctor's Phone and/or Location _____

Permission to Publish

We like to share information concerning the faith-building accomplishments of parish families to include writing articles, producing videos, and sharing pictures for use in various media. To include your child and his/her work in this publicity, we need your permission. You have the right to revoke permission at any time. Please **circle** "Permission to Publish" choice here:

(I DO) or (I DO NOT) grant permission to St. Matthew Parish and/or other Archdiocese of Omaha personnel to use pictures, video, written work, etc. of my child/children in positive media presentations.

Agreement

- I understand that St. Matthew's uses the **Family-Based Catechesis (FBC)** model for the Religious Education of the youth presented above. In order to gain the most benefit for my child(ren) and family, our family agrees to attend all adult and youth sessions to the utmost of our ability. 2) I also confirm and agree to all information above.*

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Staff Use: Fee Collected _____ (Cash/# _____) Sacrament? **B R E C** Entered _____



Family-Based Catechesis (FBC)
a type of
Religious Education (RE) for the Entire Family

Overview: Family-Based Catechesis (FBC) is an alternative model to the traditional “Wednesday Night” Religious Education (formerly known as “CCD”) program. FBC attempts to help equip and support parents, grandparents, and other caring adults in their effort to evangelize and catechize children. The FBC model of religious education is based on the Catholic teaching that “Parents are the primary educators in the Faith.” By attending the FBC program, parents are able to grow in their own understanding of the Catholic faith as well as to receive materials that are helpful to teach their children about the Catholic faith at home. The St. Matthew FBC program will provide nationally-recognized adult faith formation and youth religious education opportunities to strengthen the faith life of individuals, families, and the parish at large. Although FBC appears to be for the traditional “Wednesday Night” RE families, *The FBC program is **open and applicable to all parish members**—youth, parents, grandparents, singles, school families, home school families, public school families, etc.* All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Sacrament Preparation: In St. Matthew’s FBC program, youth will be prepared to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist (typically youth in 2nd grade) and the Sacrament of Confirmation (typically youth in 8th grade).

Where and When: There are three primary categories of FBC sessions—“First Wednesday” Sessions; Special All-Family Sessions; and youth Sacrament Preparation Sessions. The sessions typically go from **6:30p to 7:45p**. 1) The heart of the FBC program is the “**First Wednesday**” of the month sessions when both the family adults and youth attend sessions. The sessions are in the St. Matthew Worship Area/gym (adults) and school classrooms (youth). Although the sessions are typically held on the “First Wednesday” of September through May, from time to time the sessions will fall on a different Wednesday night due to Holy Day, holidays, etc. 2) Besides the “First Wednesday” sessions, there will be an additional three to four **All-Family** sessions throughout the year that families may attend together. These sessions provide the whole family and opportunity to participate in activities based on events in the Liturgical year such as All Saints/All Souls, Advent/Christmas, and Lent/Easter. Lastly, youth preparing for their initial Sacraments (mentioned above) will have additional **Sacrament Preparation** sessions throughout the year. The most current FBC schedule is available online at our parish website or from the DRE—see information below.

Home Activities: All families registered for FBC will receive 1) a Parent Guide and 2) an Activity Book. These two books will allow parents, grandparents, etc. to lead family activities in the home that allow the family to learn more about that month’s theme in their home. These materials are available in Spanish and can be requested on the registration form.

Want More Information? Please go to the St. Matthew parish website, <http://www.stmatthewbellevue.org/>, and select the “Religious Ed/Family-Based Catechesis” tab. There, you can find more in-depth information to include answers to Frequently Asked Questions, registration information, the most current schedule, amplifying information for youth receiving their Sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation), etc.

Questions? Please contact Deacon Mark; 402 292-7928 or mhwhite@archomaha.org