

**Family-Based Catechesis (FBC) Registration
St. Matthew the Evangelist Catholic Community (SMCC)
2020-2021 School Year**

PARENT or GUARDIAN NAME(s) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

Primary (____) _____ Secondary (____) _____

EMAIL _____

Primary _____ Secondary _____

The DRE shares email and/or telephone information with the youths' primary Catechist to be used solely for FBC-related purposes. I agree to this information sharing, unless I've declined below.

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

Emergency Information

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

Name _____ Phone Number (____) _____

Doctor's Name and Location _____

*St. Matthew and/or other Archdiocese of Omaha staff/volunteers will request **emergency medical treatment** for youth in case the parent/guardian is not readily available and cannot be reached. I agree to emergency medical treatment of my child(ren), unless I've declined below.*

Fees and Materials

\$85/Youth (\$100/Youth if Sacrament Prep, usually 2nd or 8th grade) with \$200/Family (Max).

Total Fee = \$ _____

Families registered with SMCC will not be denied RE due to financial hardship--see the DRE.

SPANISH MATERIALS? (Circle) We request the (Parent's Guide) and/or (Activity Guide) in Spanish.

Permission to Publish

St. Matthew Parish and/or other Archdiocese of Omaha personnel occasionally share information concerning the faith-building events and activities of parish families to include articles, videos, pictures, youth projects, etc. for use in various media. I agree to the gathering of and publishing of such product(s) in positive media presentations, unless I've declined below.

Enrollment (for 2020-2021 school year)

<u>Youth Name (First Last)</u>	<u>M/F</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Medical, Allergy, Other Info, and/or Declinations</u>	<u>Request Sacrament Preparation?</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Agreement

- 1) I understand that St. Matthews uses the Family-Based Catechesis (FBC) model for Religious Education. 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 confirm and agree to all information on this registration form.*

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Staff: Rec'd Fee \$ _____ (Cash /# _____) Oth Pmt _____ Entered _____ Rec'd Books? _____



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). Unless Baptized at St. Matthew’s, all youth preparing for the Sacraments will need to have a baptismal certificate on file with the DRE.

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 an opportunity to participate in activities based on events in the Liturgical year such as All Saints/All Souls, Advent/Christmas, and Lent/Easter. 3) 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. A primary way we pass urgent message is via the Parish App. Please see the parish website for more information on how to set up the app on your smartphone.

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