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Saint Joseph Children's Ministry

Program Options 2020-2021

Family Forming Disciples - Hybrid Family Formation Hybrid - Pilot Year! (for families with children Preschool 3yr-5th grade, older siblings are welcome to participate too)

- Catechists will lead and accompany family groups.
- A family will gather virtually with other families (approx. 8 families per group, children of all ages) for discussion and presentation. Themes following a 3-week cycle.
- A hybrid program. Families will meet via Zoom about two times per month.
 - Week 1 -Families meet via Zoom with presentation and discussion
 - Week 2 – Families complete an “at home” activity based on the current theme. (ie. create prayer table/corner/wall for home)
 - Week 3 – Families will gather again via Zoom for “show and tell” week.
 - Week 4 - May be a school break weekend or it may be that we start the next 3-week topic.
- This cycle will be repeated September- May.
- Parent participation is essential to this formation option.
- Several optional on-site family events will be held throughout the year.
- The year’s focus will be on prayer and liturgical living, with no textbook.
- Activities and supplies will be provided each month.
- *In this programming option we will journey together to take small steps in our relationship with Jesus and understanding of his love in our lives.*
- *This is a great way to get to know a few other families in the parish and make small steps in your home to experience Christ in the family.*
- Cost- \$75 per child

Grade-specific classes – Virtual OR In-Person programming (1st-5th grades)

VIRTUAL – Sunday 11-11:45 a.m.

- Children will attend a 30-45 min Zoom session weekly.
- Will be broken up by grade (1st, 2nd, etc) with catechists.
- Content will be driven by a textbook, Alive in Christ, and syllabus.
- Averages 3 weeks per month, following the school calendar.
- This will be Virtual for the year. I do not anticipate having space on-site on Sunday mornings to regularly host these classes.
- A teacher may choose to host an on-site outside class, but this will be an occasional OPTIONAL experience.
- Cost- \$75 per child

IN-PERSON – Wednesday 4:30-5:30 p.m.

- Children will attend a session weekly, meeting space will be in the church rooms, not the school.
- Will be broken up by grade (1st, 2nd, etc) with 2 catechists, if there are enough volunteers.
- Content will be driven by a textbook, Alive in Christ, and syllabus.
- Averages 3 weeks per month, following the school calendar.
- Cost- \$75 per child
- This may become virtual briefly if the group is exposed to Covid-19, but plan to return to in-person. We thank you for your flexibility.
- Safety Measures will be in place
 - Students will be limited to 10-15 students depending upon assigned meeting space. Mask will be worn in common spaces, at arrival and pick-up.
 - Temperatures will be taken upon arrival.
 - Masks will be encouraged in the class
 - Social distancing practiced

Home Study (1st-5th grades)

- Parents will direct faith formation lessons from home.
- Student textbooks, Alive in Christ, will be provided.
- Parents will be given access to online family lesson plans to guide students in a discussion about the lessons. This resource also provides discussion and activities for children of different grades on the same unit & chapters.
- A calendar/syllabus will be provided.
- Student/Family evaluations will be turned in every 2 months.
- Cost- \$50 per child