

# 2019-2020 St. Matthew Faith Formation

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## Option 1 Catechesis **WITHOUT** Classes a Parent-Guided Faith Formation Program for Grade 1 and Grades 3-7

Parents are considered the first and best teachers in the practice of the faith. On the day of a child's Baptism, parents and godparents have taken the responsibility to teach their children the faith of the Catholic Church, and to practice the faith that they professed on behalf of their children.

**Catechesis without Classes is *only for Grades 1, and Grades 3-7.***

**In Catechesis without Classes, children do not need to attend any regular Faith formation Classes.**

**Please note: Children who are preparing for Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation need to attend Regular Classes.**

### Objective

To learn and practice faith by:

**Regular attendance of Sunday Mass** along with the family and

**Involvement of the children and family members at the Church, especially as Ministers.**

### Mandatory Requirements

The Faith Formation Year is from September through the last week of June.

Every Sunday Mass attendance

A written summary of the Sunday Homily (a format will be provided). If you are out of town on a Sunday, please bring a bulletin from the church you attend, signed by the priest, along with a written summary of the Homily.

Grade-specific prayers and lessons to learn

Attend Children's Retreat once a year.

Grade-specific involvement in Mass Ministries

There will be two tests during the year to evaluate the child.

Attend First Friday Adorations (three times between September and June).

Attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially at Advent and Lent.

Attend Stations of the Cross (At least two designated Fridays).

Attend the Corpus Christi Procession.

**Tests:** The First Test will be on the First Sunday in December. The test will be on the Basic Prayers for the grade level. It will be a face-to-face test. The Second Test will be on the Last Sunday of May. It will be a written Test.