

Dear Families of St. Mark's Parish,

Hope this message finds you all doing well and staying safe. A brief message to update everyone on recent events regarding the "new" Parish CCD Program. In an effort to bring parents / guardians on board to what it's been labeled "Family Catechesis", it had been decided last year to do the Family Catechesis Program consisting of:

- 20 hours of Grade Level Instruction (Mon, June 19 - Thurs., June 22, 9:00am - 2:00pm)
- 8 hours of 4 hours of family Catechesis & Grade Level follow-up (Sept.2023-April 2024)
- 8 hours of 4 Family Devotional Practices (i.e. Holy Hour, Stations of the Cross, Rosary) & 4 Service & Ministry Opportunities.

Families are also strongly encouraged to weekly participation at Sunday Liturgies & the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Grade Levels preparing for the reception of Sacraments of Reconciliation / First Holy Communion & Confirmation will also have additional meetings to make sure everyone is ready for their big day as you would imagine. A calendar for each level will be ready to be given out at our meeting in September.

The program is only looking to help parents / guardians be active participants in the Faith Formation of their children. Something new for us all but great efforts are going into making this program as successful as possible.

I must humbly say our Summer Sessions in June were a GREAT SUCCESS! And now we are getting ready for our session in September. Given this new format, I pray everyone will certainly understand that taking on new children along the way would not be fair to anyone involved. My suggestion to you parents / guardians would be to consider attending any parish closest to you for this year and be attentive to registrations for our Family catechesis next year. Thank you for your kind understanding.

Blessings,

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