

Class Session Days & Times

Sundays 8:45-10:00am

- Pre-Kindergarten (3s & 4s) – 5th grade

Sundays 10:45am-12:00pm

- Pre-Kindergarten (3s & 4s) – 5th grade

Tuesdays 5:00-6:15pm

- Kindergarten – 5th grade

Wednesdays 5:30-6:45pm

- Kindergarten – 5th grade

Classes begin September and meet weekly until April. Please see the calendar on the back for exact dates.

Questions? Contact us!

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St. John Neumann

Faith Formation

Be a Catechist!



PreKindergarten - 5th Grade

What is a catechist?

A catechist for St. John Neumann's PreK – 5th grade program is someone who teaches children the Catholic faith in a classroom setting.

What are the requirements?

- You DO NOT have to have any teaching experience to be a catechist.
- You DO NOT need to have a background in theology.
- You DO have to be a member of the parish.
- You DO have to be compliant with the Diocese of Arlington Protecting God's Children program.
- You DO have to be a practicing Catholic and have a desire to share God's love with the children of SJN!

What are the expectations?

- To bring the love and joy of God into your classroom!
- To be committed to your class session.
- To be able to create and teach a lesson each week for your grade level using materials provided and with guidance from the coordinator.
- To have a basic understanding of classroom management.

Once I sign up, what comes next?

- You will be assigned a class based on your preference of day, time, and grade. Each class has between 10 – 15 students. You will also be paired with another catechist.
- You will be given a catechist guide book and benchmarks to help plan your lessons. You will also have access to our Catechist Library and Catechist Supply Closet.
- If you have not completed the Protecting God's Children paperwork or VIRTUS Training, you will need to complete those before beginning the year.
- All catechists will be asked to attend an introductory meeting in the beginning of the year, as well as two catechist training nights throughout the year.

I want to be a catechist, but I cannot commit to every week. Can I still help?

Good news! You can still help - by volunteering as a **substitute catechist**! We are in need of volunteers who will be on our official substitute list in case one of our regular catechists cannot make class. You will not be expected to write a lesson plan, but will be available to fill in if needed.

The requirements to be a sub are the same as a catechist. We ask that you sign up for a specific day and time when you would most often be available.

I'm interested! How can I sign up?

If you are interested in volunteering with our Faith Formation Program, there are two ways you can sign up!

1. **Use this link** to complete the form online:
forms.gle/2itDR6uYYobsM9my8

OR

2. **Email** the Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Megan Gibson, at mgibson@saintjn.org to receive the form via email

We will then use your responses on the interest form to best fit your talents and schedule with our volunteer needs.

THANK YOU for your desire to share your time and talents with the children of our parish!

"I'm *amazed* every year at how much the children know. And it usually comes completely out of the blue. When I least expect it, I'll get an extremely *profound statement* or question that absolutely floors me. And the *learning isn't one way* - I learn so much from the children about my own faith, it *really is a blessing*."

Ed Walsh, 2nd Grade Catechist