

CLASS SESSION DAYS & TIMES

Sundays 8:45-10am

- Kindergarten – 5th grade

Sundays 10:45am-12pm

- Kindergarten – 5th grade

Tuesdays 5:15-6:30pm

- Kindergarten – 5th grade

Classes begin September 10th and meet at St. John Neumann weekly until April 21. Please see the class calendar for all class dates.



Questions? Contact us!

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St. John Neumann

Faith Formation

Share Your Faith!

Kindergarten-5th Grade Catechists

Immaculate
Heart of
Mary

Sacred
Heart of
Jesus

Most Chaste
Heart of
Joseph



St. John
Neumann
Catholic
Church

2023- 2024
Children's
Faith
Formation



WHAT IS A CATECHIST?

A catechist for SJN's Kindergarten-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 St. John Neumann 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?

- You should believe the Catholic teachings and share those beliefs with your class.
- You should be able to attend every class session on time or notify us if you need a substitute catechist.
- You should be able to create and teach a lesson each week geared toward your grade level. (Materials and guidance will be provided!)
- You should have a basic understanding of classroom management.
- You should bring the love and joy of Jesus Christ into your classroom!

I WANT TO SIGN UP, WHAT COMES NEXT?

- Fill out the form to the right, tear it off, and drop it in the box outside the Faith Formation Office
- Our Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation, Thomas Patchan, will contact you within one week and plan a time to meet.
- You will be assigned a class based on your preference of day/time/grade. Each class has no more than 16 students. You will also be paired with another catechist or class aide. You can request your co-catechist or one will be assigned with you.
- 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.
- All catechists will be asked to attend catechist training nights throughout the year.

I WANT TO BE A CATECHIST, BUT I CANNOT COMMIT TO EVERY WEEK...

Be a substitute catechist! We are in need of volunteers who will be on our official 'sub list' in case one of our regular catechist cannot make class. You will not be expected to write a lesson plan, but 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/time when you would most often be available.

Interested in Volunteering?

Fill out the form below with your information and preferences, then return it to the Faith Formation Office. You will be contacted within a week.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Have you volunteered at SJN before? Y/N

If yes, in what capacity?

I would like to volunteer as a... (please circle one)

Catechist

(See opposite side for days/times)

Day/Time Preference 1: _____

Day/Time Preference 2: _____

Grade Preference 1: _____

Grade Preference 2: _____

Co-catechist preference: _____

Substitute

Day/Time Preference 1: _____

Day/Time Preference 2: _____