#### **CLASS SESSION DAYS & TIMES**

#### Sundays 8:45-10am

• Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

#### Sundays 10:45am-12pm

• Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

#### Tuesdays 5:15-6:30pm

• Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

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





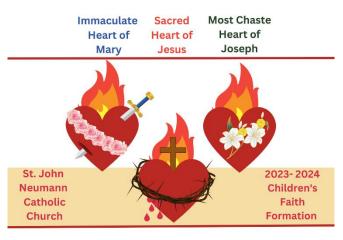
## Questions? Contact us!

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### St. John Neumann

Faith Formation

# Share Your Faith! Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechists



#### WHAT IS A CATECHIST?

A catechist for SJN's Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade program is someone who teaches children the Catholic faith in a classroom setting.

#### WHAT ARE THE REQUIRMENTS?

- 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 <u>substitute catechist</u>! 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 da	ys/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: \_\_\_\_\_