

St. Joseph Family of Faith Ministry

Parent Orientation Day

Saturday, August 27, 2023 | 1:00pm-2:15pm

PLEASE SIGN-IN



Agenda

- Parents check in and receive materials
- Opening Prayer
- Introductions
- Family of Faith Ministry

Opening Prayer

Father Anthony

Introductions

Father Anthony Le- SJ Pastor

Rowena Radich- FFM Director

Grace Lichauco- FFM Secretary

FFM Catechists per grade

Welcome back to Returning Families

Welcome to New Families

Family of Faith Program

A parish-based program that catechizes the entire family. This program started 2 years ago at St Joseph & is an alternative to Faith Formation.

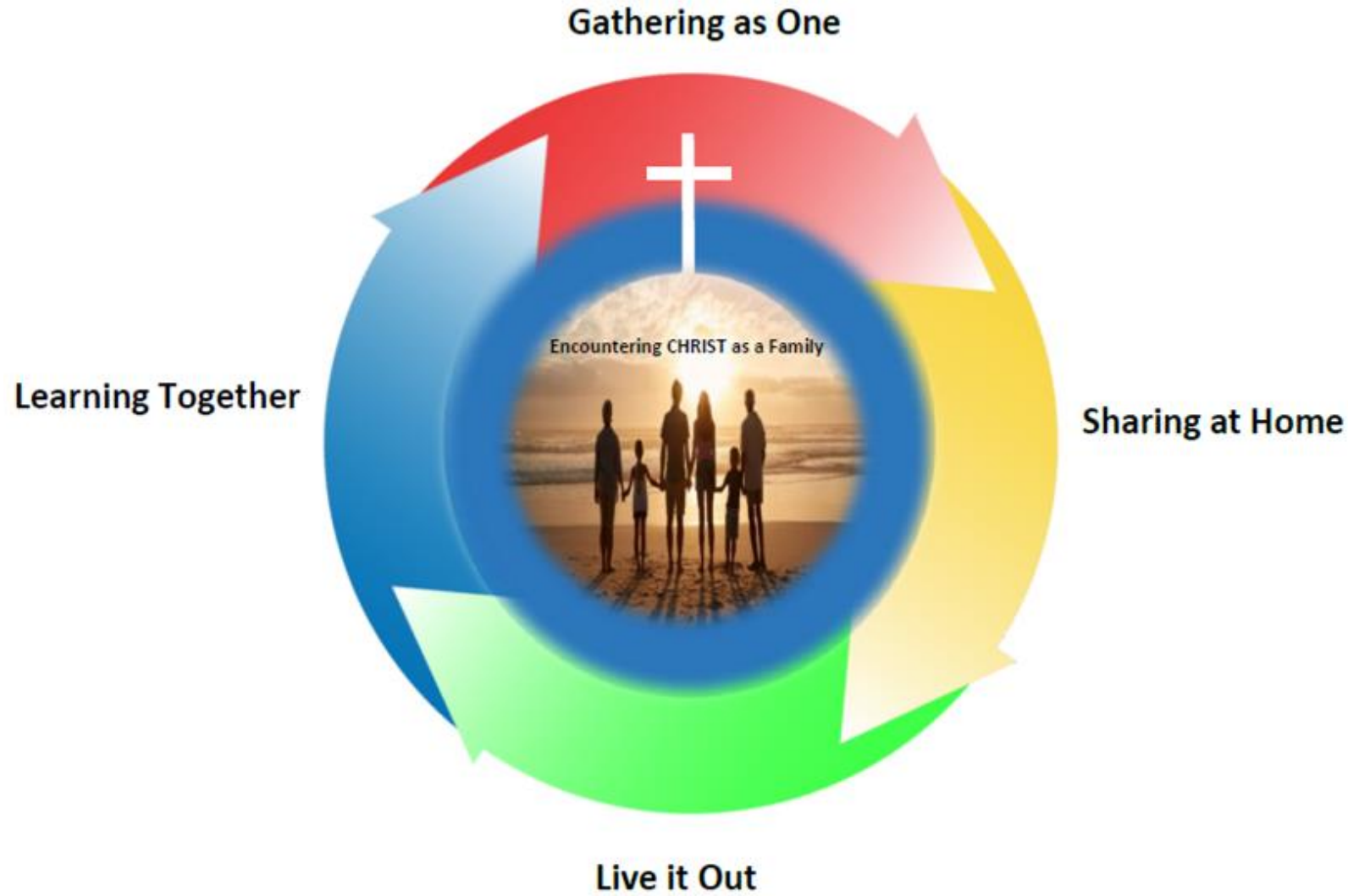
What is Family of Faith Ministry?

- **Family is the central focus**
- **Parents are primary catechists**
- **Rebuild the domestic church**
- **Engage our heart, mind and soul**

What is Family of Faith Ministry?

- **Engage our heart-** Build relationships
Encounter Christ in the community
- **Engage our soul-** Prayer and Sacraments
- **Engage our mind-** Grow in knowledge, uncover
treasures of our faith

Encounter CHRIST as a Family



Goals of the Family of Faith Program

- To encourage and equip parents to fulfill their God-given duty and privilege of educating their children in the Catholic faith
- To support and nurture strong Catholic families who mirror the Blessed Trinity
- To provide parents the opportunity for continued growth in the Faith
- To build community and celebrate Catholic life together through common prayer, service to others, social activities and liturgical celebrations

“Family catechesis... precedes, accompanies and enriches all other forms of catechesis. Thus, there cannot be too great an effort on the part of Christian parents to prepare for this ministry of being their own children’s catechist and to carry it out with zeal.”

Pope St. John Paul II, *Catechesi Tradendae*

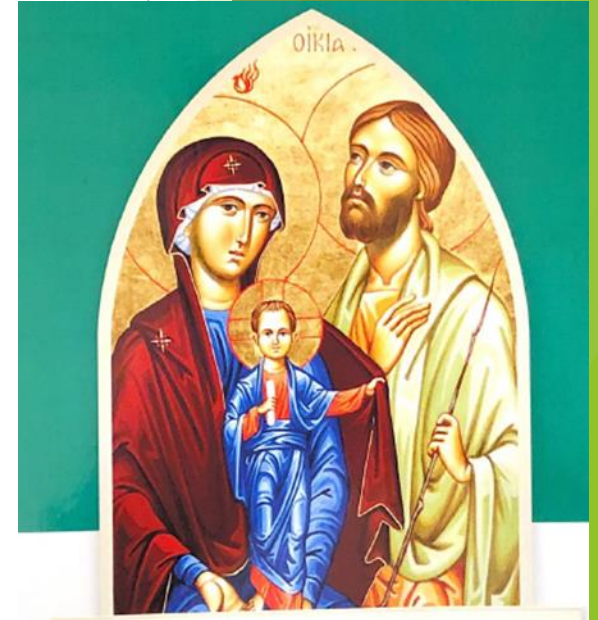
Studies have shown that parental involvement in the faith-life of their child is the most important element in ensuring that a child develops into a practicing Christian.

Family of Faith follows the Catechism of the Catholic Church's 4 Pillars:

1. The Creed- The profession of faith
2. The Sacraments of faith
3. Life in Christ- the life of faith
4. Christian Prayer- the prayer of the believer

Family of Faith Ministry- Year 3

Life in Christ



Gathering as One

Family of Faith Sessions

Where do we begin?

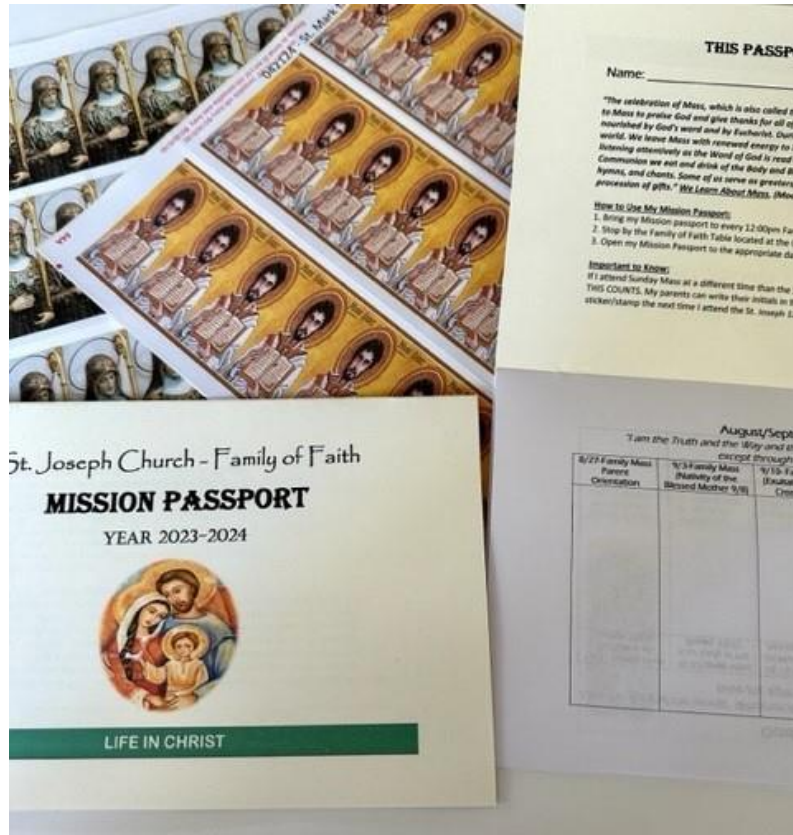
We begin with the highest form of prayer:
Sunday Mass- The Eucharistic Celebration

Family of Faith Mass: Sundays 12:00pm

Mission Passports



Mission Passports: (continued)



- The Mission Passport is to help families track their Mass attendance.
- The passports were made by Michelle Mah and shows much care & attention.
- Feasts/ Solemnities celebrated close to Sunday Mass are highlighted. Families have the opportunity to learn more about the lives of Saints.
- The Family of Faith table is set up at the Mission entrance and stamping of passports happen before Mass begins. We are no longer stamping passports at the end of Mass to avoid session delays.
- Please have your children bring their Mission passports to the table.
- If children/families attend Mass at a different time or at a different parish, parents can initial the respective box and children can get their stamp the next time they are at the 12:00pm FFM Mass.

FFM Liturgy Team

The Prayer Box is located at the FFM table
Write a prayer intention and place it in the box before Mass
The prayer box is brought up during the offertory

Children/ Families have opportunities to serve as greeters, ushers, lectors (5th to 8th grade), altar servers, bringing up gifts, and/or in the choir.

FFM Liturgy Team (continued)

Use this link to sign-up to serve for Mass

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Pw7r4eth-0qVMFii0XUHIPXVvgZ-TrY_WAycpgF_LfA/edit#gid=249909523

On one Sunday of the month, there are designated grades that are asked to serve at the Mass. We hope to have the Family of Faith and St. Joseph School celebrate Mass together.

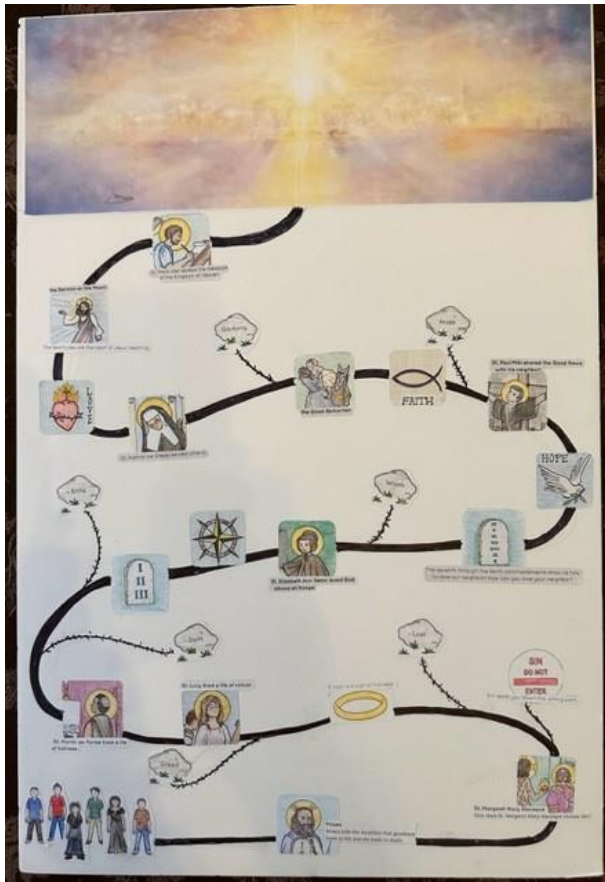
Learning Together

First Sunday: Monthly Family of Faith Sessions

- **12:00pm – 1:00pm: Family Mass**
- **1:00pm: Children escorted to the St. Joseph lunch tables by parent and sign-in. The children begin with snacks and their Catechists will escort them to their respective classrooms for their lessons. Parents proceed to the Dominican Auditorium for the parent session with Father Anthony.**
- **1:15pm – 2:15pm: Sessions**
- **2:15pm – Sessions conclude, parents pick up their children from their classroom, and sign them out.**

Sharing at Home

Journey to Heaven Family Project



- Presented by Michelle Mah
- On every 1st Sunday parent session, time will be given to review the monthly pacing guide and Journey to Heaven Family project. Every month, more is added to the board.
- At the end of the year, families will bring their boards and display them.

FFM Chinese Community Sessions

Second Sunday: Chinese Community Sessions

3:30pm- 4:30pm concludes before St. Joseph Chinese Mass at 5pm

**All are welcome. The children's sessions are conducted in English
and the parent session is conducted in Mandarin.**

Sacramental Preparation

Third Sunday: Mass and Sacramental Preparation Sessions

1:15pm-2:15 pm





June 2023 First Holy Communion and Corpus Christi Procession



Sunday Bonding 4th Sundays

- The FFM Activities and Outreach Team plans Sunday Bonding Activities
- This is an opportunity for families to get to know each other
- We will work on projects, Community Service projects, or fun activities together

Adaptive Faith

Recognizing the beauty and presence of God in each person, our Family of Faith Ministry program welcomes children of ALL abilities. We are blessed to have dedicated Catechists with Special Education and inclusion experience. We work together and recognize each child's unique talents, abilities, and special needs.

Our goal is to encourage and support the children and their families on their faith journey and prepare them for their sacraments when it's appropriate.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children



Live it Out

Call to Action!

Some seasonal community outreach activities to serve others:

- Eucharistic Revival
- Parish Ministries (St. Vincent de Paul food drive)
- Saint Joseph Annual Conference
- Liturgical seasons activity - Making cards for shut-ins
- Stations of the Cross
- And more...

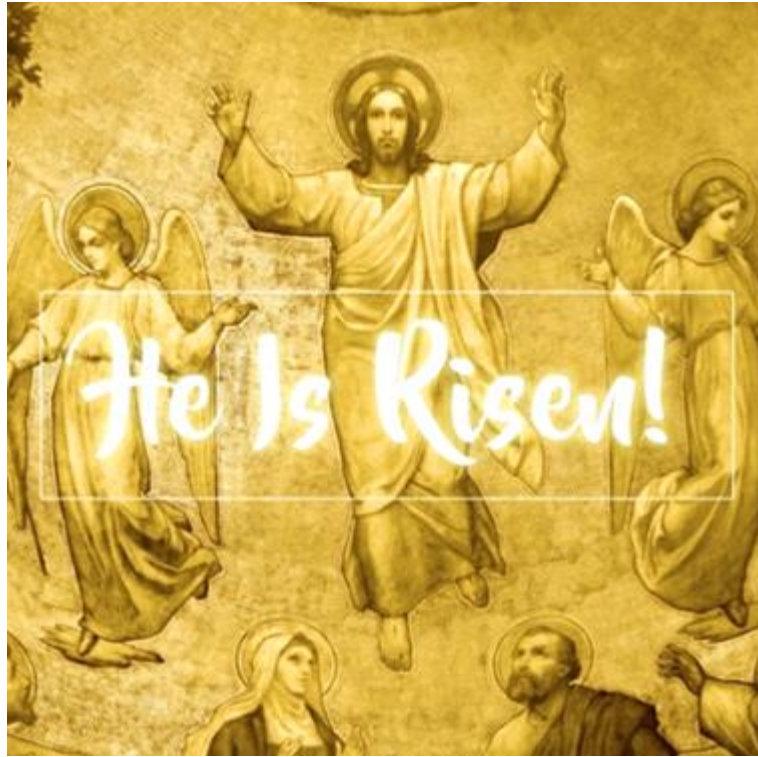
Christmas Nativity Play



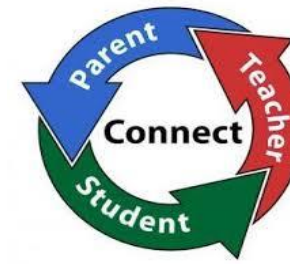
Lenten Soup and Stations



Easter Egg Hunt



Expectations

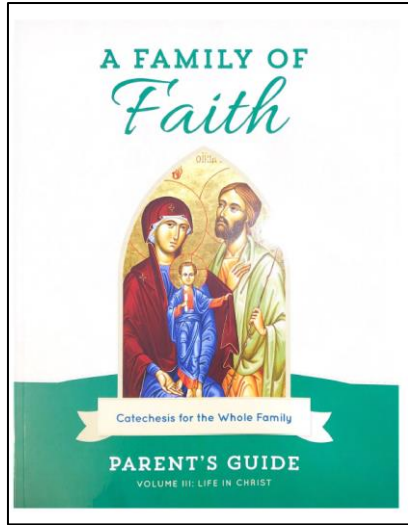


The success of our programs relies a lot on your efforts. So, we ask that you give your best effort to commit to the following:

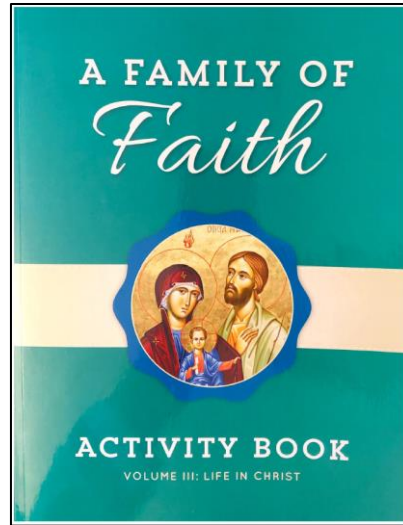
1. Family Mass attendance
2. Participation in parent and children Family of Faith sessions
3. Participation in parent and children Sacramental Prep sessions (if applicable)
4. Efforts to engage your children in curriculum activities from the *Family of Faith* books and *Sacramental Preparation* materials.
5. Serve the community as a family
6. Pray with your child/ren daily at home (before and after meals, in the car, pray the rosary...)

The Family of Faith Ministry is here to complement and support your efforts to raise your child/children according to the Catholic faith tradition.

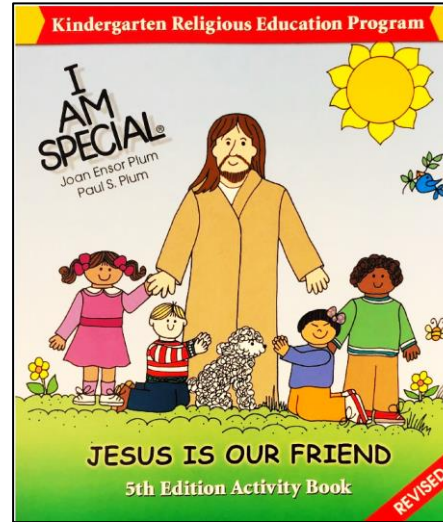
Textbooks and Resources Provided



Parent Guide



Activity Book

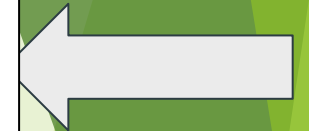


PK/K/ Grade 1 Activity Book

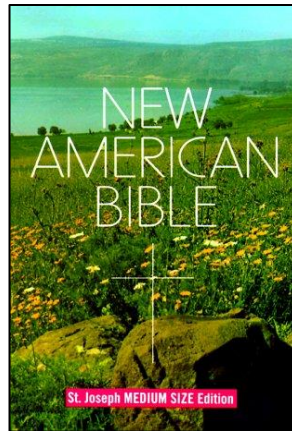
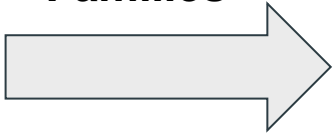


Mission Passport

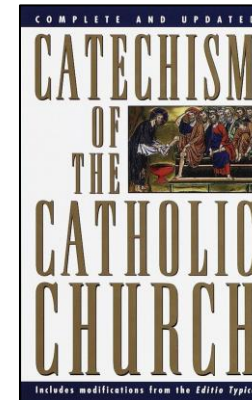
For New and Returning Families



For New Families



Catholic Bible (NAB)



Catechism of the Catholic Church



Liturgical



Prayer



Outreach/Activities



Hospitality

Family of Faith Ministry Support Teams



Communication

Any questions



Prayer & Blessing



THANK YOU