



Catechetical Sunday September 15, 2024

A Catechist's Prayer

Loving Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon me that I may be a good catechist of your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ.

Render my mind and heart so open, receptive and responsive to your Holy Spirit that, like Mary, I might become a living instrument of your Word to others. Help me to be a faithful witness to Gospel life so that your Church may become ever more alive.

Let the fire of your love so enkindle my heart that I may be an instrument of drawing others to love of you in the Church of you Son.

I ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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We want to thank the following for volunteering their time and talents to be Catechists for the upcoming year. Our Faith Formation program could not continue without the help of those so willing to join our Faith Formation team. Please pray for them throughout the year that their words and actions may make for a wonderful year for your sons and daughters.

Catechists 2024-2025

Faith Formation Director:

Preschool/Kindergarten:

Grade 1:

Grade 2:

Grades 3-4:

Grade 5:

Grade 6:

Grade 7:

Grades 8-9:

Confirmation (Grades 10-11):

Post Confirmation (Grade 12):

Substitutes:

Helpers:

Amanda Page

Chandler Stroble, Emma Page

Rachel Johnston

Laura Golden

Ava Oberg

Kaitlyn Hanson, Maddie Page

Stacey Bienek

Amanda Page

Laura Golden

Aaron Wall, Dana Larson

Nicole Novacek, Nerissa Sperling, Tad Tureson, Bethany Olson

Cindy Franks, Lisa Amundgaard, Tom Gust

Audrey Bienek

Music Leader:

Youth Mass:

2nd Sunday of the Month

You have been called to serve in the community of SS. Peter and Paul Church. As a Catechist, May God our Father, the Father of Love, fill you with confidence and joy as you proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.



“Lord, when did we see you hungry” *Matthew 25:37*
Our theme for 2024 reflects our call to missionary discipleship. As St John Paul II reminded us: The universal call to holiness is closely linked to the universal call to mission. Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and to mission. We are called to be eucharist by word and action to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our times cry out for this kind of holiness, one inflamed by the ardent determination to bring as many of our brothers and sisters as possible to Christ.

What is Catechetical Sunday?

The Church established Catechetical Sunday, which is always celebrated on the third Sunday in September, to recognize and celebrate the gift that catechists give to their parish community by volunteering their time for the faith formation of children. We come together as a church community to acknowledge the dedication of those who serve as catechists in our parish family.

The day also reminds all Catholics to consider ways we are witnesses for Jesus Christ. All Catholics have the opportunity to rededicate themselves to the mission of passing on the faith, and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith.

Who are Catechists?

The word catechesis is from a Greek word meaning “to echo.” All those who teach the Catholic faith and share the Church’s teachings, by word and by the way they live their lives, are catechists. The catechist's goal is always to set hearts aflame for Christ.

We celebrate and pray for all who come forward for this ministry. They are people who are willing to share their own faith and have the courage to listen to the faith stories of others, without judgment but with a sense of wonder and awe.

In May 2021, Pope Francis established the lay ministry of catechist in the Catholic Church, officially declaring that catechists are to be recognized as lay ministers in the Catholic Church and are due the training and support they need to be successful in their ministry.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. (CCC 2226) Therefore, moms, dads, stepparents, grandparents, foster parents, godparents, and all who form the faith of children at home, in the domestic church, are the first and most important catechists of their children.