

Catechism Bulletin

Dear Parents,

Greetings of peace!

It has been six months we have been dealing with covid 19 pandemic. With faith and trust in God and following government & health guidelines and protocols, we have moved on coping to live the “new” normal.

Our catechism year 2020-2021 will be totally unlike the past years. Under the pastoral guidance and directive of our pastor, Father Bo, we are taking a new catechetical approach to ensure the continuity of your children’s faith formation as well as their safety and protection. This year’s parish catechesis will be by way of remote instruction and distance learning. We elect Videoconferencing once a month to reach out to you and your children. This will involve using the **Gospel Weeklies Faith Formation Program** to help and support you as your children’s primary teachers of the faith. While this program works in a traditional classroom setting, the lessons are also designed to be used at home to involve parents through a variety of family-friendly resources, such as the “Family Corner” in each lesson and the “Gospel at Home” found online. Each child/student’s copy for the year’s study includes 32 weekly lessons. Each of the program’s 32 lessons focuses on a unique doctrinal theme that connects the Sunday Gospel to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. In addition to providing a thorough grounding in faith and Scripture, the program also draws the children in through connections to current events and real-life stories.

Child and parent will be expected to work through 1 lesson per week and then at the end of 4 weeks, with their homework complete, a classroom video conference with the Catechetical teacher, students and parents from each year level will occur. This will be the opportunity for the teacher to provide input; for the students to check and correct their work; and to have questions answered.

Your immediate response is needed. Program materials have to be ordered. This year we will not collect the registration fee of \$50 plus \$35 for text books (\$85). Instead we will only charge to recover the cost of the new program and materials. Cost for each program material is \$35 per child. We look forward to starting this year’s catechesis as soon as we get the materials to you.

Let’s continue to observe and follow health guidelines and protocols. We pray with confidence and hope that all be well by the grace of God. We pray for a wonderful, exciting, joyful journey of faith amidst the pandemic. Keep the faith!

Notes:

Now more than ever it is so important that you are receiving the “Bulletin on line”. If you have not yet registered to receive the parish bulletin in your email inbox, please register at <http://stjwinnipeg.weebly.com/>. Stay connected and be informed at all times. To come to Sunday Mass, sign up at <https://stjwinnipeg.weebly.com/mass-schedule.html>.

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