

# Faith First - Holy Name of Jesus Parish

## General Program Information

Our program is run in a homeschooling format. The parents work at home with the children to complete the workbook. Attendance at mass each weekend is compulsory. In Level 3 and Level 6 the children come to class, led by our catechists at the parish, every second Saturday, to do a chapter and prepare for the sacraments. Other levels have 4 meetings a year for the children and 4 evening meetings for the parents.

We also hold 3 youth nights per month - the third Friday of each month with prayer and activities for all children the second Friday is teen night. These special nights add to the growth and understanding of the Faith for the children and their families and help to develop a sense of community with other children in our parish.

### Kindergarten & Level 1 & Level 2

- In order to teach the faith, we must practice it, and so we will be stamping the children's missals at Sunday Masses as a way of taking attendance.
- There are 6 **compulsory** children's sessions lasting 1 hour 15 minutes during the catechetical year scheduled on Saturdays.
- Generally, there are 2 or 3 parent sessions in the evening during the catechetical school year.
- Children must complete the workbook before progressing to the next level.
- There is a certificate awarded for successfully completing each level.

### Level 3

- In order to teach the faith, we must practice it, and so we will be stamping the children's missals at Sunday Masses as a way of taking attendance.
- There are 12 **compulsory** children's sessions lasting 1 hour 15 minutes during the catechetical year scheduled on Saturdays.
- Generally, there are 2 or 3 parent sessions in the evening during the catechetical school year.
- **There is a compulsory Level 3 retreat for First Holy Communion on a Sunday afternoon.**
- Children must complete the workbook before progressing to the next level.
- There is a certificate awarded for successfully completing each level.

#### Level 4 & Level 5

- In order to teach the faith, we must practice it, and so we will be stamping the children's missals at Sunday Masses as a way of taking attendance.
- There are 6 **compulsory** children's sessions lasting 1 hour 15 minutes during the catechetical year scheduled on Saturdays.
- Generally, there are 2 or 3 parent sessions in the evening during the catechetical school year.
- Children must complete the workbook before progressing to the next level.
- There is a certificate awarded for successfully completing each level.

#### Level 6

- In order to teach the faith, we must practice it, and so we will be stamping the children's missals at Sunday Masses as a way of taking attendance.
- There are 12 **compulsory** children's sessions lasting 1 hour 15 minutes during the catechetical year scheduled on Saturdays.
- Generally, there are 2 or 3 parent sessions in the evening during the catechetical school year.
- **There is a level 6 compulsory pre-Confirmation retreat on a Sunday .**
- There is a certificate awarded for successfully completing each level.