

The Flame!

The St. Jude Catechist Newsletter



*He Is Risen!
Alleluia!*

*Happy Easter to you and
your family!*

Dear Catechists and Volunteers!

April is our last month of the 2017-2018 Faith Formation year, and what a year it has been! Thank you all for everything that you have done to pass on our Catholic faith to the children and parents of St. Jude! We could not have done any of this without you! Be on the look out for a little something special for you on your bins this month!

As we close this year and prepare for the next, we ask your help with a few things:

- Please prayerfully consider returning to teach or volunteer next year! We gave you all a yellow volunteer sheet at your March session and have them available online and at the April sessions.
- Please return your catechist book to the Faith Formation office. You may leave them on the counter after your April session or bring them to the parish office. If you plan on teaching the same grade next year and would like to keep your book over the summer, please let us know, as this will stop us from ordering unnecessary, and expensive, catechist books.
- Please submit your on-going formation records by May 18th! You can submit them online here: [On-going Formation Reflection](#) or by turning in reflections and/or logs to the Faith Formation Office. We will send our formation report to the diocese at the end of May. Remember, if it helped you feel closer to Jesus it counts as on-going formation!
- 2018-2019 Faith Formation Registration is due by June 29th. If you have children in the program, please be sure to return your registration as soon as possible.
- We are in need of Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers for our First Eucharist Masses which are on May 5th and 12th. We will hold two Masses each day, at 11:00 am and 1:30 pm. Please let us know if you are available to help welcome almost 200 children to the Table of the Lord! If you are an usher, you will be asked to attend a First Eucharist practice on either May 1st or 8th.

Be sure to submit your Today At A Glance and Materials Requests 3-5 days before your session. You can submit them by clicking [HERE!](#)

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In this edition of *The Flame* you will find our session dates, a summary of what we will be doing in the parent session (guest speaker announcement!!), and opportunities for your on-going formation as we head into the summer!

Easter Blessings!

Katie & Steve

April Session Dates

Sunday A- April 8th 10:15-11:45 am

Tuesday A- April 10th 5:30-7:00 pm

Wednesday A- April 11th 5:30-7:00 pm

Sunday B- April 15th 10:15-11:45 am

Tuesday B- April 17th 6:00-7:30 pm

Wednesday B- April 18th 6:00-7:30 pm

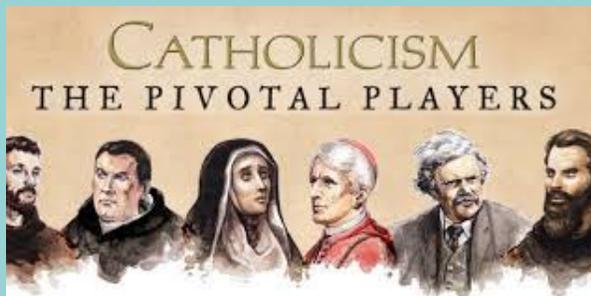
If you are in need of a sub, please let us know ASAP!

Our Topic This Month Is Kingdom of God!

The Church teaches that everyone is called to the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven. We prepare for eternal life by accepting God's grace, growing in his friendship, and serving him and one another right now. Jesus gave us an example of how we can follow him: forgiving others, treating others with respect, and helping those who are hungry and in need. By our Baptism, we are called to do this, to continue the mission of the Church. That is why in the Mass, after receiving the Eucharist, which nourishes us to do the work Christ calls us to, we are sent out to proclaim the Good News. This is evangelization—giving witness to the faith by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus through our words and deeds in a way that invites people to accept the Gospel.

In the parent session we will have a guest speaker, Deacon Andy Neu!

He will talk to the parents about how their families can change the world through being disciples committed to serving others! You are welcome to attend one of the parent session to hear this engaging and inspiring talk, just make sure it's a different session than the one at which you volunteer.



June 13th- ST. FRANCIS

June 20th- ST. CATHERINE of SIENA

June 27th- G.K.CHESTERTON

Viewing and discussion will be held in Meeting Room 4 from 7:00-8:30 pm.

FREE! Come all three nights or just once!

The St. Jude Summer Wisdom Series Presents...

Bishop Robert Barron is on a new journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people.

CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players is a multi-part film series that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

[To Learn More about Pivotal Players, click here!](#)

Catechist Mentors

These experienced catechists are available to you for advice, ideas, and support. Please contact any one of them at any time. They are ready and willing to help!

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Special Needs Catechist

Please contact DeAnne if you have questions about including and engaging the children in your class who have special needs. If we know a child has a need or accommodation, it will be indicated on your class list.

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Why is our newsletter called The Flame? In Icons of St. Jude he is often depicted with a tongue of flame above his head. This flame represents his receipt of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as one of the twelve apostles present in the Upper Room. We too have the flame of the Holy Spirit above our heads as we help to form the faith of the families of St. Jude! The Holy Spirit guides us and speaks through us!