

The Flame!

St. Jude Catechist Newsletter



Dear Catechists and Volunteers!

How's your Lent going? We hope that you are growing closer to Jesus this Lent and are focusing on having and doing LESS so Jesus can fill your heart MORE. There is a great prayer opportunity coming up next week that we hope you will take advantage of; the **40 Hour Devotion**. This is about 40 continuous hours of Eucharistic Adoration that begins on Friday, March 9th at 8:00 am and ends on Sunday, March 11th with 7:00 am Mass. We invite you to sign-up to spend some time face to face with Jesus, present in the Eucharist. [Click here for more information and to select a time slot.](#)

“One cannot know the Lord without the habit of adoring, of adoring in silence. I believe – if I am not mistaken – that this prayer of adoration is the least known among us; it is the one we engage in the least. To waste time – if I may say it – before the Lord, before the mystery of Jesus Christ.” -Pope Francis

We need your help at a few of the **First Eucharist Retreats** and at the **First Eucharist Masses**. We need at least three more adults for the retreats on March 17th, April 14th, and April 21st. The volunteer time is from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. You would be leading the craft or giving Church tours. We have all the sessions written out, you would just need to follow along and teach. We are especially in need of ushers for the First Eucharist Masses that will take place on May 5th and 12th with Mass times at 11:00 am and 1:30 pm. If you are able to help prepare our little ones for First Eucharist either at a retreat or Mass, please email Katie as soon as possible.

Here are a few quick reminders as we prepare for our March sessions:

- Families received Progress Reports last month. This month they may show you past Unit Reviews that have now been completed. If so, please go back and mark them in your attendance folder on the Unit Review sheet. This month you will be checking for completed Unit 5 reviews.
- Families will be receiving 2018-2019 Faith Formation Registration Packets this month.
- If you have any extra copies of your Today At A Glance or worksheets after your session please return them to us by either placing them in your attendance folder or on top of your supply bin. We attach them to the make-up packets of your absent students.
- Be sure to check out the March Faith Formation Newsletter as it contains the Holy Week and Easter schedule.

We invite you to begin prayerfully discerning if God is calling you to teach his children again next year! Volunteer forms will be available at March sessions.

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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Please see below for March session dates and a summary of what we will be covering in the parent session.

You are always in our prayers!

Katie & Steve

March Session Dates

Sunday A- March 11th 10:15-11:45 am

Tuesday A- March 13th 5:30-7:00 pm

Wednesday A- March 14th 5:30-7:00 pm

Sunday B- March 18th 10:15-11:45 am

Tuesday B- March 20th 6:00-7:30 pm

Wednesday B- March 21st 6:00-7:30 pm

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

Our Topic Is Sacraments! At session this month we are on Unit 6, Chapter 16!



This unit identifies the Seven Sacraments as special signs and celebrations that Jesus gave his Church. The Sacraments of Initiation, which celebrate membership into the Catholic Church, are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We learn that the Sacraments of Healing are Penance and Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick and the Sacraments at the Service of Communion (also called Sacraments of Vocation) are Matrimony and Holy Orders. We learn that these visible signs and Divine actions give us God's grace and allow us to share in God's work. This unit also defines evangelization and explains how the Eucharist nourishes us to announce the Good News.

In the parent session we will focus our conversation on the Pascal Mystery; the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We experience the Pascal Mystery during the holy sacrifice of the Mass and in our daily lives.

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!

