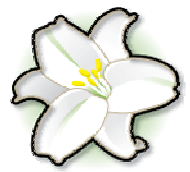


St. Joseph of Cupertino Catechetical Ministry

Family Letter—May 2010



Dear Families,

This year has gone by very fast. The children have one more class meeting and will break from Catechetical classes until October 10, 2010.

Our philosophy here at St. Joseph is that our faith formation is life-long. We do not finish learning about our Catholic faith once we receive our sacraments. If anything, we need to continue to learn, to unwrap the many wonders of our faith, to nurture our faith in and through the sacraments. The faith presented at each grade level is age appropriate for them and as they advance in grades, they will delve deeper into their faith. We would do a disservice to our children if we prevent them from learning more. To assist you in catechizing the faith to your child, St. Joseph will continue to do Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays during the 9:30am mass for the rest of May. St. Joseph doesn't have Vacation Bible Camp as of yet, but many of our neighboring parishes are offering this wonderful one-week program. Please visit <http://www.dsj.org/education/catechetical-ministry/vacation-bible-camp> for a list of all the camps being offered. Check back regularly as the Diocese continues to add more dates to the page.

Many thanks to all families who've turned in their Rice Bowls. I will still take the bowls if you haven't dropped them off at the office. Through your generosity, we've collected \$667.66!

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and we'll be sending you information regarding the beginning of classes right around Labor Day so look for something from our office in the mail around then.

Yours in Christ,

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This Month's Dates to Remember

Sunday, May 2	Last Sunday Class Session
Wednesday, May 5	Last Junior High Meeting
Sunday, May 9	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
Sunday, May 16	11am Mass, Celebration of Msgr. Milani's 60th Anniversary as a Priest
Saturday-Sunday, May 22-23	Ministry Fair in the Community Center after each mass <i>9:30 am liturgy with special emphasis on children</i>
Sunday, June 20	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Sunday, September 19	Catechetical Sunday
Sunday, October 10	Catechetical classes begin





Early Childhood Education News

In their last class session, the Three's, Four's and Kindergarten will focus on their growth throughout this year. Also, they are honoring the gift of their parents/family and most specially, God's gift of Mary. First Grade will finish the year with a lesson on Mary—each child will have the opportunity to offer a flower to Mary. May you all continue to grow in the Love of Christ!

Volunteers

Would you please consider volunteering as a catechist (teacher) for next year? We are available to help you with all the materials, teaching techniques and ideas you might possibly need. We are not asking for experts on the Catholic religion but for people who are willing to share their experiences and faith with the young people who are part of our church community. We are very fortunate to have wonderful catechists for our children this year. Many of them plan to continue, but some are moving into other areas of volunteer ministry or out of the area. And . . . We need to replace them. So, to ask once again, would you please consider volunteering as a catechist next year? If you would like more information, ask your child's present teacher about what was involved in volunteering and find out more about what they do. Or call Tam at 252-7653x60 and we'll talk. With more catechists, I can keep the size of each class small.



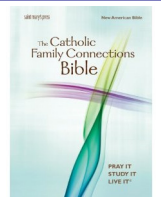
In the fall, we will be sending a volunteer sheet home to you. We ask that you volunteer for 2—3 hours during the year to help staff the office on Sunday mornings or to prepare materials at home. There are other choices on the form for you to also consider.



Remember... to emphasize the importance of ongoing faith formation, once you fill out a registration form for St. Joseph of Cupertino's Catechetical Ministry, you are perpetually enrolled until all of your children are in High School!! You do not need to fill out a new registration form each year. If important family information changes, please notify us right away. If you need to **add a younger sibling**, just stop by the office and provide us with that child's information. If you know of any families who wish to enroll their children in the program, please refer them to the office.

In **August** you will receive a newsletter with the new year's class schedule, along with an invoice, a service hour form, and an emergency form to be signed and returned. Each year we are required to obtain a newly verified Emergency form.

St. Mary's Press has a special offer on their new Catholic Family Connections Bible. This Bible hopes to help families connect to their faith, each other and the community. Using code DCFB410, get the Bible for \$20. The offer ends on June 1, 2010.



Lost & Found

We have several jackets and sweaters left in classrooms after Sunday classes. Please stop by and go through the things before the end of classes. Anything left here when classes end on May 2 will be donated.