

2017-2018 Whole Community Catechesis Schedule

10/1 Topic: Fear Not

11/5 Topic: Gratefulness

12/3 Topic: Advent

1/7 Topic: Baptism & Discipleship

2/4 Topic: Lent

3/4 Topic: Easter Triduum

3/20 Topic: Resurrection

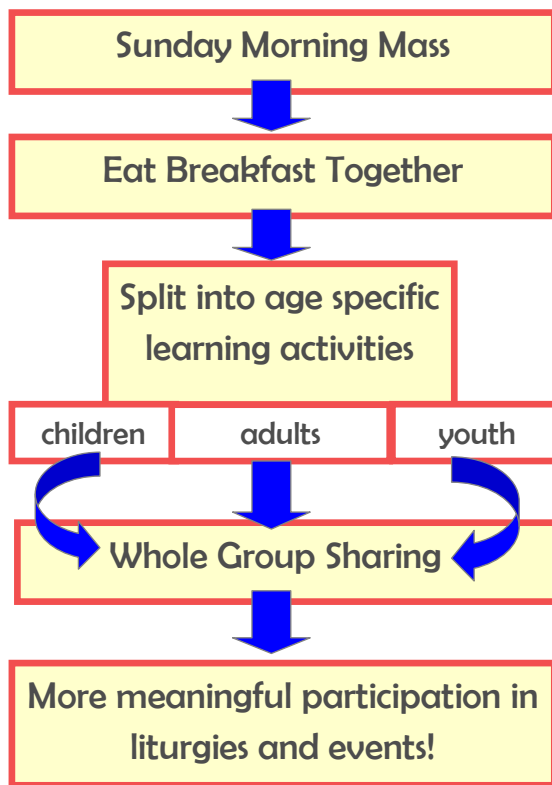
4/1 Topic: Death & Resurrection

5/6 Topic: Eucharist & Sending
Fourth

**All gatherings are 10:45-12:15 pm at the
St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall**

Mass is an important part of our faith formation.
We encourage you to attend mass in partner with
the gatherings.

Please watch the bulletin for updates.



Want to know more?

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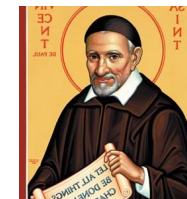
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What is Whole Community Catechesis?

Whole Community Catechesis is a vision of faith formation that is rooted in the documents of Vatican II, the General Directory for Catechesis, and other catechetical documents.

It promotes faith formation as an ongoing and lifelong process that can be greatly supported by intergenerational learning and interaction.

The parish will provide opportunities for service, faith sharing, reflection and classes to help us to model faith in action. The program is designed to extend beyond the gathering and into the home, workplace, school and community.

This way we can learn about and practice our faith together to live it boldly in all we do.

Why do this?

Faith formation is ongoing and life-long for all members of the church, but the primary responsibility of a parish is the religious formation of all *adults*. Parents are the most important teachers of their children, and all adults need the skills, comfort level, and deepened faith in order to share it with their children, grandchildren, friends and co-workers. Faith modeled, practiced and taught by parents in daily life is the goal, rather than formal “catechism” or “religious education” classes in which children learn facts about the faith. Knowledge of the Catholic faith is vital, but experiencing it within the home from their most important catechists is most effective.

It is exciting to know that many adults are searching for this knowledge and confidence in their faith. Many do not feel “qualified” or comfortable sharing their religious beliefs with their children or peers. This is something we are committed to changing.



Who is it for?

Singles	Couples	Families
Teens	Kids	Retired

Everybody!

Something for **EVERYONE!**

What will it look like?

The central piece of formation anywhere in the world is the liturgy (Mass) each Sunday.

All parishioners are then invited to attend the gathering on the first Sunday of the month. The atmosphere is designed to be relaxed. Different gatherings will have different ways to teach and experience the lesson, including movie clips, talks, games, reading, and sharing. Each gathering will begin with a meal followed by catechesis. Adults and children will break off into separate groups so that they can learn and experience the lesson on their own level.