

# FAMILY MINISTRY

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**MISSION STATEMENT**  
**Of**  
**St. Mark's Catechists**

We, the catechists of St. Mark's Catholic Church, called by God, commissioned by the parish community are dedicated to the faith formation of families.

We commit ourselves to assist families in their journey of faith by:

- proclaiming the Gospel message;
- being people of prayer;
- fostering Christian community;
- offering service to the needy.

We strive to lay the foundation for a lifelong relationship with God by helping families discover their own sacredness - the presence of God in themselves, each other, the world around them; by teaching the truths of the Catholic faith and the richness of our Catholic heritage and tradition.

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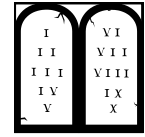
We Pray



Theme for 2010-2011

# FAMILY MINISTRY

We Live



We Believe



## OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

We Celebrate



Our theme this year is the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church - we believe, we live, we celebrate, we pray. We will consciously and deliberately look at how our faith affects how we live our lives, how it affects the choices we make. We will do this through study, prayer, service, celebration.

This **family handbook** with checklist will help keep catechists and families "on the same page" and in sync with each other. Included in this family handbook is:

- **WE BELIEVE** - "What Difference Does It Make in My Life" and "My Faith Choice" and chapter review will provide conversation starters and family rituals for grades 1-5 to be done together as a family. A family handbook with checklist will help keep catechists and families "on the same page" and in sync with each other. Chapter reviews - a high tech, fun way to review - may also be submitted via the Faith First website. It's so fun. Just go to FaithFirst.com. For grades 1-3, click on Kids' Clubhouse; click on Make a Difference; click on Chapter Review; select grade and chapter you are reviewing; click on Go. Send the results to [jarthur@stmarksparish.com](mailto:jarthur@stmarksparish.com). Grades 4-5 click on Kids Only Club; click on Chapter Review; select grade and chapter you are reviewing; click on Go. Send the results to [jarthur@stmarksparish.com](mailto:jarthur@stmarksparish.com).
- **WE PRAY** - prayers to be learned this year
- **WE LIVE** - family service projects
- **WE CELEBRATE** - Family Ties dates and times

Children will get a sash with this year's logo on it. They will receive patches as earned. Checklists are at the back of this handbook.

## **FAMILY MINISTRY PROGRAMS**

### **AT HOME**

**AT HOME** home-based catechesis - designed to be facilitated by adults in the home. A family packet will be provided for weekly use at home. Monthly gatherings at the parish for sharing and celebrating faith with peers and the community are on the first Thursday of the month.

### **CHILDREN'S CATECHUMENATE**

**Children's Catechumenate:** The Children's Catechumenate is a special parish process for families with older children, grades third through fifth grade, who have not been baptized or celebrated First Eucharist. This two year process of gradual formation and preparation for initiation into the church community will involve the whole family.

### **FAMILY TIES**

Meets to provide prayer, fun and fellowship for families as we celebrate our Catholic heritage and traditions:

Mondays, October 4, November 29, Tuesday, March 8, Monday, May 2.

### **FIRST SACRAMENTS**

Preparation for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Meets Wednesday 7:00-8:15 p.m.

#### **Second grade:**

St. Mark's preparation program for the sacraments of **First Reconciliation** and **First Eucharist** is a year long program - with preparation and reception of **First Reconciliation** in the first semester and **First Eucharist** preparation and reception in the second semester.

### **FIRST YEARS**

To meet the needs and concerns of first-time parents/parents of children cradle to three; to serve as a bridge between home and church in those years before families become part of the Family Ministry programs.

### **Growing In Faith Together (GIFT)**

**Growing In Faith Together (GIFT)** - is a family program that will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, 7:00-8:15. Parents and children grades 1-5 will attend classes together for family religious education. This program is offered as an option for PSR for families who prefer family catechesis or cannot attend weekly classes. **GIFT** will follow the format of *Generations of Faith* which was our family catechesis in 2003 - 2005.

## **PARENT/CHILD SEXUALITY AWARENESS**

This is a program developed for parents and their children ages 9-11, to explore not only the facts, but also the feelings, attitudes and values related to human sexuality. Generally mothers attend with their daughters and fathers with their sons.

## **PARENTING SERIES**

**Love & Logic Parenting** Mondays, September 13, 20, 27, October 11, 25, November 8, 15  
7:00- 9:00 and Mondays, January 10, 17, 24, 31 and Thursdays February 3, 10, 17,  
7:00- 9:00 p.m.

**Love and Logic Parenting** is a 7 week series which gives parents:

- the tools to set firm limits in loving ways without anger, lecture, or threats
- helps parents hand back to a child in a loving way the problem he/she causes - to hold him/her accountable and responsible for solving problems in a way that does not make problems for others.
- \$25 per couple registration includes family handbook.

## **PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

PSR is dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel message; foster Christian community; provide opportunities for prayer and service to the poor. PSR serves families with children 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade through weekly religion classes.

## **RAINBOWS**

A program especially designed to help children who are suffering a loss through divorce or death - sharing their feelings and experiences with their peers. Ages preschool - grade 5. Evenings, Tuesday, 7:00 - 7:45.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School is a weeklong examination of Bible truths through prayer, song, crafts, food, play and study. VBS combines the gifts and talents of adults and teens to provide an active, interactive Bible study experience for children ages 4 through grade 4.

*Call Joyce, 373-2600, ext. 233 for more information and to register*

## *Diocesan Safety Program Circle of Grace*

### *Goals of the Circle of Grace Program - Grades K-5*

The goal of the Circle of Grace program is to educate and empower children to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others.

#### *Objectives of the Circle of Grace Program*

- Children will understand they are created by God and live in the love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Children will be able to describe the Circle of Grace which God gives each of us.
- Children will be able to identify and maintain appropriate physical, emotional, spiritual, and sexual boundaries.
- Children will be able to identify all types of boundary violations.
- Children will demonstrate how to take action if any boundary is threatened or violated.

# We Believe

GRADE 1

# We Celebrate

## “WHAT DIFFERENCE....”

___ 1	___ 9	___ 17
___ 2	___ 10	___ 18
___ 3	___ 11	___ 19
___ 4	___ 12	___ 20
___ 5	___ 13	___ 21
___ 6	___ 14	___ 22
___ 7	___ 15	___ 23
___ 8	___ 16	___ 24
		___ 25

## FAMILY TIES

- \_\_\_ October 4
- \_\_\_ November 29
- \_\_\_ March 8
- \_\_\_ May 2 end of year celebration

# We Pray

## PRAYERS

- \_\_\_ Our Father
- \_\_\_ Hail Mary
- \_\_\_ Glory Be

# We Live

## FAMILY SERVICE

- \_\_\_ food for St. Therese
- \_\_\_ project Shining Star
- \_\_\_ field day
- \_\_\_ baby shower

GRADE 1

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# We Believe

# We Celebrate

## OUR CATHOLIC FAITH Remember and Review

___ Lesson 1	___ Lesson 2
___ Lesson 6	___ Lesson 3
___ Lesson 10	___ Lesson 4
___ Lesson 12	___ Lesson 5
___ Lesson 13	

## FAMILY TIES

- \_\_\_ October 4
- \_\_\_ November 29
- \_\_\_ March 8
- \_\_\_ May 2 end of year celebration

## TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

### RECONCILIATION

- \_\_\_ Lesson 1
- \_\_\_ Lesson 2
- \_\_\_ Lesson 3
- \_\_\_ Lesson 4
- \_\_\_ Lesson 5
- \_\_\_ Lesson 6

### EUCCHARIST

- \_\_\_ Lesson 1
- \_\_\_ Lesson 2
- \_\_\_ Lesson 3
- \_\_\_ Lesson 4
- \_\_\_ Lesson 5
- \_\_\_ Lesson 6
- \_\_\_ Lesson 7

# We Pray

## PRAYERS

- \_\_\_ Act of Contrition
- \_\_\_ 10 Commandments
- \_\_\_ Works of Mercy
- \_\_\_ Beatitudes
- \_\_\_ Seven Sacraments

# We Live

## FAMILY SERVICE

- \_\_\_ food for St. Therese
- \_\_\_ project Shining Star
- \_\_\_ field day
- \_\_\_ baby shower

GRADES 4-5 Sacraments

# We Believe

## FAITH FIRST

"What Difference Does....."

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| ___ Lesson 1 | ___ Lesson 6 |
| ___ Lesson 2 | ___ Lesson 7 |
| ___ Lesson 3 | ___ Lesson 8 |
| ___ Lesson 4 | ___ Lesson 9 |
| ___ Lesson 5 |              |

## TOGETHER AS A FAMILY RECONCILIATION      EUCHARIST

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| ___ Lesson 1 | ___ Lesson 1 |
| ___ Lesson 2 | ___ Lesson 2 |
| ___ Lesson 3 | ___ Lesson 3 |
| ___ Lesson 4 | ___ Lesson 4 |
| ___ Lesson 5 | ___ Lesson 5 |
| ___ Lesson 6 | ___ Lesson 6 |
|              | ___ Lesson 7 |

### 3rd grade sacraments

# We Celebrate

## FAMILY TIES

- \_\_\_ October 4
- \_\_\_ November 29
- \_\_\_ March 8
- \_\_\_ May 2 end of year celebration

# We Live

## FAMILY SERVICE

- \_\_\_ food for St. Therese
- \_\_\_ project Shining Star
- \_\_\_ field day
- \_\_\_ baby shower

# We Pray

## Prayers

- \_\_\_ Act of Contrition
- \_\_\_ Apostles' Creed
- \_\_\_ Nicene Creed

### 2nd grade sacraments

# We Believe

## FAITH FIRST

"What Difference Does....."

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|--------------|--------------|
| ___ Lesson 1 | ___ Lesson 6 |
| ___ Lesson 2 | ___ Lesson 7 |
| ___ Lesson 3 | ___ Lesson 8 |
| ___ Lesson 4 | ___ Lesson 9 |
| ___ Lesson 5 |              |

## TOGETHER AS A FAMILY RECONCILIATION      EUCHARIST

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| ___ Lesson 1 | ___ Lesson 1 |
| ___ Lesson 2 | ___ Lesson 2 |
| ___ Lesson 3 | ___ Lesson 3 |
| ___ Lesson 4 | ___ Lesson 4 |
| ___ Lesson 5 | ___ Lesson 5 |
| ___ Lesson 6 | ___ Lesson 6 |
|              | ___ Lesson 7 |

# We Celebrate

## FAMILY TIES

- \_\_\_ October 4
- \_\_\_ November 29
- \_\_\_ March 8
- \_\_\_ May 2 end of year celebration

# We Live

## FAMILY SERVICE

- \_\_\_ bring in recyclables
- \_\_\_ food for St. Therese
- \_\_\_ project Shining Star
- \_\_\_ field day
- \_\_\_ baby shower

# We Pray

## PRAYERS

- \_\_\_ Act of Contrition
- \_\_\_ Grace before Meals

# We Believe

4th grade

# We Celebrate

## WHAT DIFFERENCE...."

___ 1	___ 12
___ 2	___ 13
___ 3	___ 14
___ 4	___ 15
___ 5	___ 16
___ 6	___ 17
___ 7	___ 18
___ 8	___ 19
___ 9	___ 20
___ 10	___ 21
___ 11	___ 22
	___ 23
	___ 24
	___ 25

# We Pray

## PRAYERS

- \_\_\_ 10 Commandments
- \_\_\_ Beatitudes
- \_\_\_ Works of Mercy

## FAMILY TIES

- \_\_\_ October 4
- \_\_\_ November 29
- \_\_\_ March 8
- \_\_\_ May 2 end of year celebration

# We Live

## FAMILY SERVICE

- \_\_\_ bring in recyclables
- \_\_\_ food for St. Therese
- \_\_\_ project Shining Star
- \_\_\_ field day
- \_\_\_ baby shower

3rd grade

# We Believe

# We Celebrate

## "WHAT DIFFERENCE...."

___ 1	___ 12
___ 2	___ 13
___ 3	___ 14
___ 4	___ 15
___ 5	___ 16
___ 6	___ 17
___ 7	___ 18
___ 8	___ 19
___ 9	___ 20
___ 10	___ 21
___ 11	___ 22
	___ 23
	___ 24
	___ 25

# We Pray

## PRAYERS

- \_\_\_ Apostles' Creed
- \_\_\_ Nicene Creed

## FAMILY TIES

- \_\_\_ October 4
- \_\_\_ November 29
- \_\_\_ March 8
- \_\_\_ May 2 end of year celebration

# We Live

## FAMILY SERVICE

- \_\_\_ bring in recyclables
- \_\_\_ food for St. Therese
- \_\_\_ project Shining Star
- \_\_\_ field day
- \_\_\_ baby shower

# We Believe

5th grade

# We Celebrate

## “WHAT DIFFERENCE....”

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|---------|---------|
| ____ 1  | ____ 12 |
| ____ 2  | ____ 13 |
| ____ 3  | ____ 14 |
| ____ 4  | ____ 15 |
| ____ 5  | ____ 16 |
| ____ 6  | ____ 17 |
| ____ 7  | ____ 18 |
| ____ 8  | ____ 19 |
| ____ 9  | ____ 20 |
| ____ 10 | ____ 21 |
| ____ 11 | ____ 22 |
|         | ____ 23 |
|         | ____ 24 |
|         | ____ 25 |

# We Pray

## PRAYERS

- \_\_\_ Seven Sacraments
- \_\_\_ Hail Holy Queen
- \_\_\_ Mysteries of the Rosary

## FAMILY TIES

- \_\_\_ October 4
- \_\_\_ November 29
- \_\_\_ March 8
- \_\_\_ May 2 end of year celebration

# We Live

## FAMILY SERVICE

- \_\_\_ bring in recyclables
- \_\_\_ food for St. Therese
- \_\_\_ project Shining Star
- \_\_\_ field day
- \_\_\_ baby shower