

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 3, November 28, Tuesday, February 21, Monday, April 30.

FIRST SACRAMENTS

Preparation for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

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

Second - Fifth 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. (Must have one year of PSR)

FIRST YEARS

To meet the needs and concerns of first-time parent/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 1st and 3rd 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.