

## **Preschool Faith Formation**

**Eligibility:** Children must be age 3 or 4 by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Classes:**

Will be offered during the 9:15am and 11:15am Sunday Masses. *Complete calendars are available on the website <http://www.saint-mikes.org/preschool> .*

10 children per classroom with one volunteer catechist and a parent volunteer each week. *Parents will be expected to volunteer in the classroom on a rotating basis.*

Every class will have two catechists assigned to it. The catechists will teach the first and final class together and will rotate leading the class during the other weeks.

**Curriculum:** We use Our Sunday Visitor's "Allelu!" curriculum for this program. Allelu encourages family involvement and includes more bible stories, saint stories, lots of fun activities, and a weekly take-home activity sheet which is designed for busy families. Each take home is a placemat to help guide your discussions during family meal time. See an online preview at: <http://www.allelu.com/index.html>.

**Catechists:** While it seems like a lot, and it is...most of these requirements are only necessary for your first year and then are good for the long haul.

***We ask catechists to complete/attend all of the following:***

- ScreeningOne background check form
- one-time Diocesan Pathways training session
- one-time VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children diocesan training session
- the St. Michael Preschool Catechist training on: Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30-2:30pm. The new "Allelu!" Curriculum offers easy-to-follow plans for every class and offers wonderful online support making it easy to lead the class. See the catechist support at: [http://www.allelu.com/vision.html#\\_catechist](http://www.allelu.com/vision.html#_catechist)