

Preschool Faith Formation

Eligibility: Children must be age 3 or 4 by September 30th.

Classes: Offered during the 9:15am and 11:15am Sunday Masses. [Complete calendars are available on the website.](#)

10 children per classroom with one volunteer catechist and a parent volunteer each week.

Parents are expected to volunteer in the classroom on a rotating basis, unless a member of your family is serving as a preschool or kindergarten catechist.

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 with a parent volunteer for the safety of the children.

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](#).



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:

- one-time [VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children diocesan training session](#).
- Screening One Background Check form which is now part of VIRTUS training. These checks are renewed every five years.
- the St. Michael **Preschool/Kindergarten Catechist training on: Sunday, September 17th, 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](#).
- one-time [Diocesan Pathways training](#) session.