

# Preschool Faith Formation

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

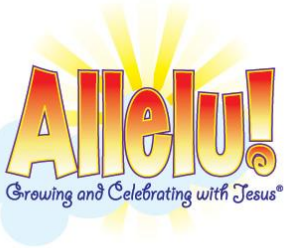
**Classes:** Offered during the 9:15am and 11:15am Sunday Masses. [Complete calendars are available on the website.](#)

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 16<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30-2:30pm in Room 205.** 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.