

# Faith Formation w/ Families (FFF)

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St. Paul will offer a new family catechesis based on the Sunday Gospel called *The Gospel for All Ages*. Bimonthly sessions will take place for any family in the parish. Families will join small groups with other families with children of similar ages/stages (preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) for conversation about the Sunday Gospel, activities, and shared prayer. Adults in each family will share roles as small group conversation leaders. *The Gospel for All Ages* is published by Pflaum, and is in conformity with the scope and sequence put forth by the Office of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Each of these sessions is a catechetical moment when one generation can share wisdom, hopes, fears, longings – and most of all – a sense of community in the the Body of Christ.

## FFF meets most 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

9:30 am-10:25am

### September 2019

Sept. 22

### October 2019

Oct. 27

### November 2019

Nov. 10

Nov. 14 Reboot! @ 7 pm

### December 2019

Dec. 1 Advent Feast @ 11:30 am

Dec. 8

Dec. 22

### January 2020

Jan. 12

Jan. 20 MLK Jr. Day of Service, t.b.a

Jan. 26

### February 2020

Feb. 9

Feb. 23

### March 2020

March 8

March 22

### April 2020

April 19

## **Pflaum *The Gospel for All Ages: An Introduction for Families***

### **What is Family Centered Catechesis?**

The National Directory for Catechesis reminds us that “parents are the primary educators in the faith and the ‘first heralds of the faith with regard to their children’” (NDC 101). This makes the family a place where formal catechesis can build on existing family practice. “The Christian family is ordinarily the first experience of the Christian community and the primary environment for growth in faith. It is a place in which the world of God is received and from which it is extended. All the members of a family help create and awaken a sense of God’s loving presence and encourage and live faith in Jesus Christ (NDC 100-101.)

### **Multi-Age Family?**

Each age level of *The Gospel for All Ages* provides resources for three purposes in every lesson: 1) Share Experiences, 2) Discover Gospel and Doctrine, 3) Live the Gospel. Parents of two or three children need to coordinate and integrate the lesson plans of the appropriate levels. The editors suggest a pattern of reading the stories from at least two levels and having all share in the discussion of each story, then proclaiming the Gospel from one of the levels.

### **What is *The Gospel for All Ages* Approach?**

Simply put, to bring our lives to the Gospel and to bring the Gospel to our lives. The approach uses shared, reflective conversation, prayer and commitment to action.

### **Highlights to Family Catechesis**

1. Involves parents in catechizing their children.
2. Offers young parents and single parents a chance to make friends with other adults in the community.
3. Creates a special bond within the family through collective spiritual development.
4. Models adult participation and commitment to Christian principles.
5. Synchronizes catechesis at home with the worship of the parish assembly.

### **Fruits for Parents**

Like most catechists, parents need to develop skills in letting their children discuss and think out ideas and choices for themselves. The stories and articles in *The Gospel for All Ages* foster discussion between adults and young people and among young people themselves.

Parents benefit from input on how children’s spiritual and human development work together.

### **For more information go to:**

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Family Catechesis

*The Gospel for All Ages*