

# Making Disciples of Christ

Religious Education Program for the parishes of

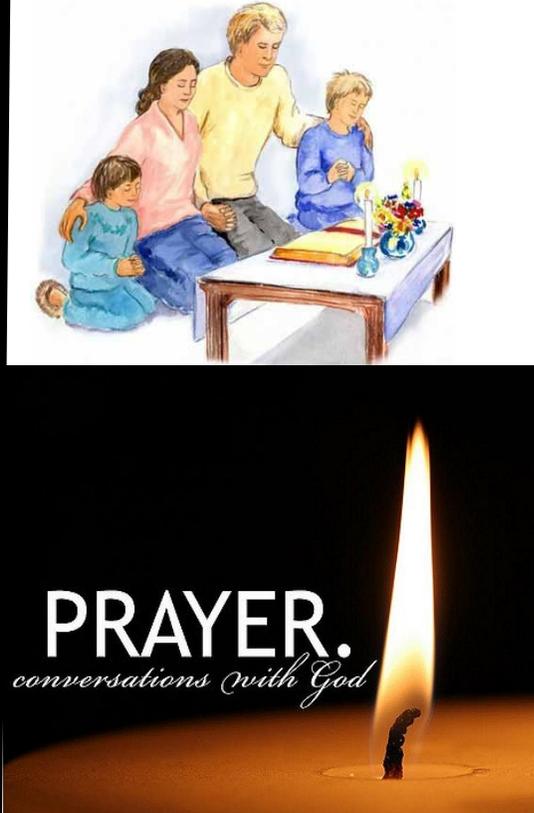
Holy Ghost, St. Jude the Apostle and St. Mary Queen of Apostles

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Sjundeheapostle.org  
Stmaryqueenofapostles facebook page

## HOW DOES YOUR FAMILY PRAY?



## PRAYER.

*conversations with God*

### Sanctifying Space

Creating a Prayer Space reminds everyone in the household that prayer is an important part of everyday life. When you create a Prayer Space in your home, you are reminded of God's presence at all times, while also making a connection between church and home. Such a space can be created using the center or an end of the dining table, on an end table or coffee table, on a mantel or shelf. You can also post notes, prayers, sayings, petitions, pictures on the refrigerator, bulletin board, or even the bathroom mirror. Invite family members to check out the space on a daily basis.

### Items for Your Prayer Space

Simply by placing a candle, cross, Bible or other object on a piece of cloth can designate a special place. Using the colors of the liturgical year are most appropriate: green for seasons of Epiphany and Ordinary Time, blue or violet for Advent, white for Christmas and Easter, purple for Lent and red for Pentecost. You can use a scarf, paper, place mat or napkin.

A special bowl or basket will serve to remind others to pray about a special intention and a place to put their own petitions or requests. A candle placed in a special spot can also call the family to prayer during time of need.

For special days and seasons, add other objects such as a book, pottery, flowers, fruit, pictures, prayer cards, icons, salt, water, oil, a branch of a tree or bush. Leaving the Prayer Space intact

# Five Ways to Nurture Your Child's Faith



## 1. Explain to your child why you gave him or her the name you did.

In the Bible, names carry a lot of meaning. Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter (Greek for "rock"), which indicated Peter's vocation as the leader of Christian community. By telling your child how you chose his or her name, you can highlight the spiritual hopes you have for your child and emphasize his or her connection to the larger community.

## 2. Tell stories about your ancestors.

Explain, for example, how their grandparents or great-great grandparents came to this country if they are of immigrant heritage. Such stories of strength, perseverance, and faith will help them know that they are part of a larger, grander story than just their own.

## 3. Share with your child who your favorite saint is and why.

Describe how you receive inspiration from the example or teaching of this saint. Explain to your child the reason you are devoted to this saint, and talk about other people whom you admire.

## 4. Offer a story about how your faith helped you in a difficult time in your life.

Think back to a time when you made an important decision, and share how your faith shaped the decision. Set aside time to also talk about how your faith helps you on a daily basis.

## 5. Give your child your time and attention; listen to their hopes & dreams.

You provide the foundation upon which your child accepts God's love and the love of others. Every day you help shape your child's attitude towards prayer and worship. The loving attention you share with your child prepares him or her to encounter Jesus in the heart, in the Eucharist, and in other people.

Take a photo or two of your prayer space

*Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Is being offered at all three parishes during the  
10:00 am or 10:30 am Mass.*

Combined program for Catechesis  
DRE Ann Hilsen 708-289-1032  
CRE Marsha Johnson 708-333-3550  
Deacon Jim Renwick 708-333-7011

### Holy Ghost Catechists

Eucharist 1 - Tony Boutcher  
Eucharist 2 - Deacon Jim Renwick  
Middle & Intermediate - Eva LaForte  
Confirmation 1 - Deacon Jim Renwick  
Confirmation 2 - Tony Boutcher

### St. Jude Catechists

Eucharist 1 - Marilyn Krolo  
Eucharist 2 - Michele Brown  
Middle - Sylvia Stasinski  
Intermediate - Assumpta Edeh  
Confirmation 1 - Karen Fleszewski  
Confirmation 2 - Zenovia Evans

*Messages for the teachers can be left at the rectory*

## QUIZ:

- Praying in front of a monstrance that displays the Eucharistic Jesus is called:  
a) Lectio Divina b) Canon Law c) Eucharistic adoration d) beatitude.
- Which Prayer is also known as The Lord's Prayer:  
a) Communion Rite b) Gospel of John c) Our Father d) Letter to the Corinthians.
- Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have:

## Channels worth exploring on You Tube

Ascension Presents  
Catholic Kids Media  
New Catholic Generation  
Kid Catholic  
Catholic Minute



## FAITH FACTS:

- \* Jesus appeared on a mountain with Moses and a prophet named Elijah. This is known as the Transfiguration.
- \* The Church gives us things we can do to show our love for God by serving others:  
They are known as the Spiritual Works of Mercy and the Corporal Works of Mercy.
- \* The Good News in the Sunday Gospels come from the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
- \* Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.