

Child Ministry offers catechesis for children in Kindergarten (K4) through 8th grade. (If you wish to register your 2nd or 3rd grader to prepare to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, please read the section at the end.) All programs are shared and available to members of both parishes. Please contact Jeanette Lambrecht, Director of Child Ministry at jlambrecht@stme.church or 414-420-6164 with questions or to volunteer. We look forward to having your child join us! Thank you!

Curriculum: Our Child Ministry Program uses material from Loyola Press(www.loyolapress.com).

K4: *God Made the World*

K5-1st grade: *Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts*

2nd grade / Sacraments: *God's Gift: Reconciliation and God's Gift: Eucharist*

3rd-8th grade: *Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts*

In class, students will study a chapter from the workbook which we send home. The final page of each lesson has a review, suggestions on activities to live what they learn and a closing prayer. We ask parents to review this at home and then students should complete and submit an online review after each lesson. Families will also have access to a copy of the digital workbook online. If a child misses a class, they are expected to study the lesson online at home with their parents and complete the online review.

Sunday School

Who: students in **K4 – 5th grade** Students attend classes taught by volunteer catechists.

When: 9:00-10:00am Sundays Classes usually meet three out of four Sundays a month.

Where: St. Monica Parish, 5635 N. Santa Monica Boulevard, Whitefish Bay (school)

Important Dates: September 11-Open House September 18-First Class April 30 - Last Class

Middle School

Who: students in **6th – 8th grade** Students attend classes taught by volunteer catechists.

When: 6:15-7:30pm Thursdays Classes usually meet three out of four Thursdays a month.

Where: St Eugene Parish, 7600 N Port Washington Road, Fox Point (Mackin Hall)

Important Dates: September 15 - First Class April 27 - Last Class

Additional Offerings: Students will participate in times of prayer, service and social gatherings.

**REGISTRATION
DUE
August 25, 2022
Avoid late fees!!**

Catechesis at Home

If you prefer to teach your child at home, we offer the option to use the *Finding God* curriculum with online support. Students are expected to complete the chapter review online weekly. Parents are responsible for regular check-ins with the Director. Do not register for this online; instead, make an appointment to discuss this with Jeanette Lambrecht.

Catechists – Sunday School and Middle School

Materials, orientation and training are provided. The materials are very user friendly - you don't need to know everything! It is a wonderful way to grow in your own faith while nurturing the faith of our young people. *Parents who commit to teach full-time in either the Sunday School or Middle School program will receive free tuition for all the children in their family!*

Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to **Catechists**, we need . . . **Aides** in all (Sunday School and Middle School) classrooms. **Hall Monitors** for Sunday School. **Lesson preparation and clerical help** in the office during the week. **Assist** with occasional crafts or service projects. **High school students** may volunteer for service hours.

Safeguarding All God's Family

St. Eugene and St. Monica Parishes are committed to providing a safe environment for all. In compliance with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, all volunteers over the age of 18 MUST attend a (free, one-time) Safe Environment Education Session, pass a criminal background check and read and sign the Code of Ethical Standards for Church Leaders. *In addition, it is our goal to have ALL parents attend this class to increase awareness and safety.* This would also qualify parents to chaperone field trips, work on service projects or assist in classrooms. To register for a class, please go to www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding.htm.

Mass Attendance

Regular Sunday Mass attendance is expected of our Child Ministry families. Parish Mass Times are:

St Eugene: Sat 4:30 pm; Sun 8:30 & 11:00 am

St Monica: Sat 5:00 pm; Sun 8:00 & 10:15 am

Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Requirements:

1. Children must attend *one* of these options:
 - a. Child Ministry Class (Sunday morning at St. Monica)
 - b. St Eugene School or St Monica School
2. Record of Baptism given to the Child Ministry office:
 - a. If baptized at St. Eugene or St. Monica Church, email the date to childministry@stme.church
 - b. If baptized at another parish, send us a copy of the Baptismal certificate (let us know if you need assistance obtaining a copy)
 - c. If your child attends St. Eugene or St. Monica School, we will get a copy from the school records.
3. Membership at St. Eugene or St. Monica Parish (if not parish members, contact Jeanette Lambrecht)

Sacraments Class is for 2nd graders or 3rd graders. If you have a child older than 3rd grade who has not received Reconciliation and Eucharist, *we welcome you!* Please contact Jeanette Lambrecht to develop a preparation plan.

Children in Child Ministry study the curriculum, *God's Gift: Reconciliation* and *God's Gift: Eucharist* (www.loyolapress.com) in the classrooms. All students use the *Blessed* series of videos with a workbook (www.dynamiccatholic.com) at home. Additional meetings for parents and sacrament students will be offered throughout the year in addition to regular catechesis.

Important Dates: Parents may choose the Reconciliation Service and Mass that is best for their family.

First Reconciliation will be in late January. It will be offered twice, once at each parish.

First Eucharist will be celebrated in May. It will be offered twice, once at each parish.

A Sacrament Fee of \$75.00 is charged for each communicant. *Parishioners of St. Monica Parish who enroll in Child Ministry should pay their fee along with their tuition at the time of registration.* Students at St. Monica School are billed the sacrament fee along with their other school fees at the beginning of the year. Parishioners of St. Eugene have their Sacrament Fee paid by funds set aside by parishioners during the Faith In Our Future capital campaign in 2009.

Tuition

Registration through August 25 - \$225 per student with a maximum of \$675 per parish family.

LATE FEE for Registration after August 25 - \$250 per student with a maximum of \$750 per parish family.

\$350 per student for Non-Parish Families.

If you have more than three children enrolled in any of our STME Faith Formation programs (Sunday School, Middle School, Teen Night, and Confirmation) you are eligible for a discount. Please contact Annette O'Brien before making a payment if this applies to you.

**** Catechists** receive free tuition for all children in their family! No need to fill out the payment form. This will be approved by Jeanette Lambrecht.

Please do not let inability to pay prevent you from participating. Payment plans and scholarships are available. If you need tuition assistance, please contact Jeanette Lambrecht.

When you complete your registration, there is a link to the payment page. Both the registration and payment pages must be completed for your child's enrollment to be accepted. Thank you!

IMPORTANT LINKS:

Instructions for How to Register for classes <https://www.steugenecongregation.org/s/Child-and-Youth-Ministry-Online-Registration-21-22-NEW.pdf>

Child and Youth Ministry Registration <https://milwaukee.parishsoftfamilysuite.com/>

Parish Registration – If you are new to St. Eugene and St. Monica – welcome! Please begin the parish registration process by filling out the online form. We will contact you to complete parish registration so you can then register for classes.

St Eugene - <https://www.steugenecongregation.org/new-member-registration>

St. Monica <https://www.st-monica.org/new-member-registration>

Payment - <https://www.steugenecongregation.org/cym-registration-payment>