



OUR CATHOLIC *Heritage*

Dear Parent,

In the remaining session(s) of the year, your child will have the opportunity to reflect on the experience of celebrating one or more of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. The children will gather again to share their memories and their thoughts on this wonderful time in their lives.

This section is called “We Celebrate New Life in Christ.” Take time to discuss these pages with your child. Share your own experiences of these liturgies. Answer the questions in the text together. Your family may even want to make an album from photos taken.

Faith is a life-long journey and the Holy Spirit is with your child and family every step of the way. Use the suggestions below to foster within your child a growing sense of belonging in the Catholic Church.

- Pray together as a family on a regular basis. Begin meals with a blessing and invite each family member to give thanks to God for something special in their lives.
- Get involved in parish events and opportunities to serve others. Review the parish bulletin to select activities that will benefit your family and your neighbors. Your example will inspire your child to be part of parish life.
- Participate as a family during Mass. Share your love for Christ and one another by welcoming the Lord into your hearts as you receive Holy Communion.
- Get to know other Catholic families. Schedule opportunities to come together for shared prayer and family fun.

As you look for ways to become more involved in your parish and to deepen you and your child’s commitment to living as children of God, keep in mind Jesus’ promise to us in Saint Matthew’s Gospel: “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them” (Matthew 18:20).

Sincerely,