

Our Lady of the Snow Faith Formation Program

Level 2 Parent Meeting Notes

Level 2 (usually second grade) children are placed in onsite classes with a catechist. They meet onsite in the large church generally twice per month. Classes begin in October. Here is a list of the onsite classes for the 2022-23 school year:

2022-23 L2 Onsite Classes

Mondays, 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. in the large church on the following dates:

10/17/22, 10/24/22, 11/14/22, 12/12/22, 12/19/22, 1/9/23, 1/23/23, 2/13/23, 3/13/23 & 3/20/23.

During onsite classes, students and teachers first gather as a large group. Then they move to class tables of about 7-8 students. Ten minutes before class ends we gather back together as a whole group.

Students meet for 10 sessions, bringing with them the Student Bible they received in Level 1. They will use this Bible for all nine levels, hopefully becoming very familiar with it by Confirmation. In Level 2 there are several texts that we use to scaffold this Bible for the children, as it is still very above their reading and comprehension level.

Lesson plans were written by the Director of Faith Formation using objectives, vocabulary and concepts from the texts of several Catholic catechesis publications. The lessons have been reviewed by our Pastor, and are always being edited and updated by members of our Catechetical Board. Lessons include crafts and activities that reinforce concepts, short videos and music.

Recognizing that all students learn differently, our goal is to deliver the content of the instruction in a multi-sensory way. We also have started a Faith Formation Buddy Ministry, pairing students with extra academic needs with older students in our parish for one-to-one instruction during onsite classes.

Family Mass- There will be Masses that highlight level 2 throughout the year. The first is October 30th at 11 a.m. in the large church. This Mass will begin with a "Saint Parade" during the procession, where students can show what they've learned in class by coming to church dressed as a Saint of their choosing.

Sacraments- The children will be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Lenten season and for First Eucharist in the spring. **The dates for these sacraments will not be available until the beginning of 2023.** As soon as they are set, you will be notified via Remind, and students will be given dates through their teachers. Students in Home Study will receive a letter. Sacrament dates are determined by our Pastor, depending on Priest availability.

Home Study- There are instances where a student cannot attend onsite classes, and the parent chooses to work at home digitally with him/her. There is a Level 2 Google Classroom for this

purpose. Currently I am updating the classroom and the code will be sent via Remind to any student on Home Study in September.

Absences- Occasionally students miss a class. A digital companion lesson can be accessed for the missed Session number on the parish website. Go to ourladyofthesnowbluepoint.com and scroll down under the Faith Formation tab to "Virtual Classroom." Choose "Level 2 Digital Classroom," and click on the session number that you missed.

For First Communion gift items, visit Autom.com. We no longer have a vendor coming to our parish.

If you haven't already done so, please join Level 2 Remind by texting @gg7328 to 81010.

Catechists Needed- Please consider teaching a small group of Level 2 children. To sign up to teach, please fill out and submit the online form located on our parish website under the Faith Formation tab. Click "Catechist Information."

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