

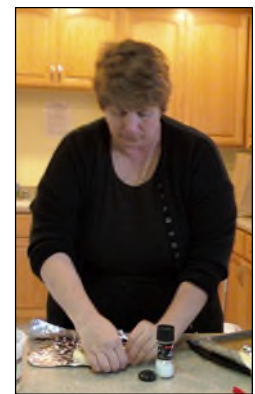
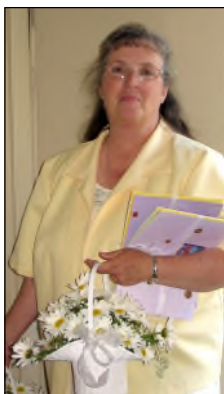
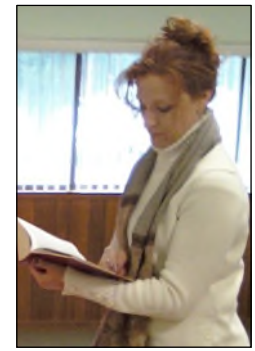
Do you know what a Catechist looks like?

Check out the pictures below, see if you recognize any of them and match the names with the faces!



OUR CATECHISTS FROM 2009-10
Can you identify them?

SUSIE BENNETT	MARCUS RUSSELL
AMY FAIST	CAMILLE SERENI
CHRIS FENTON	GILLETTE STRAZZO
SUSAN KIRKWOOD-YATES	REBECCA TRACY
LINDA MANCILLA	LINDA WAGNER
JOAN NIKOLAI	KARIN WESTJOHN



Reflections by our Catechists

AMY FAIST: What it means to be a Catechist: It is a chance to change a life. To be a Catechist is to, hopefully, help another to become closer to God, and to learn how to have a relationship with God. Faith formation is a wonderful way to also learn more about my faith and grow in my relationship to my Lord.

LINDA MANCILLA: I feel so blessed to teach Faith Formation. I teach 2nd grade, which means getting the children ready to celebrate First Communion. When that day comes it makes me so proud I had a part in it. It's fun and so rewarding.

CAMILLE SERENI: "I thought, if I teach, I will have to learn." Twenty-seven years later, Camille is still teaching and continues to deepen her faith. She uses games, stories and crafts to engage the children's minds, hearts and hands in each lesson, instilling a basic knowledge about Jesus and His love.

Come join the fun and let us add your picture to the Catechist roster!

See back side of this flyer for a list of frequently asked questions.

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Thinking of becoming a Catechist . . . but . . .

I'm not a teacher. I didn't study theology. I have no experience. How could I be a catechist?

Sr. Maria De La Cruz: "Everyone is an expert in their own life experience." If a lived faith is part of your life experience, Sr. Maria would say that makes you an expert on how to follow Christ. One of the primary ways A catechist teaches is through the example of living a Christian life. Being an "expert" in this essential element of faith formation is a first step in becoming a catechist.

Is it necessary to have children enrolled in Faith Formation to become a catechist?

The criteria for becoming a catechist is a desire to share your faith and walk with children as they begin this lifelong journey.

I am interested in becoming a catechist, but I work during the day so the afternoon schedule of classes makes it impossible for me. Are there other opportunities available?

There are other possibilities. Please, contact Susan Kirkwood-Yates at the Parish Office 223-0168.

I would like to talk to someone who has been a catechist. Is that possible?

Yes, please, contact Susan Kirkwood-Yates at the Parish Office at 223-0168.

