



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH

CATECHESIS

2025 – 2026

Dear parents, we are pleased that you have decided to enroll your child in the Saint Catherine of Siena Catechesis Program (CCD.) We look forward to helping you impart our shared faith to the next generation of Catholics. Our goal is to help your child learn about and "fall in love" with Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We hope that your child will make a personal, heartfelt choice to become a lifelong disciple of Jesus.

General Information

Catechesis classes will take place as follows:

- **Mondays 5:00 – 6:30 PM:** Confirmation Levels 1-2
- **Wednesdays 4:15-5:15 PM:** First Communion Level 1
- **Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 PM:** First Communion Level 2

Please also see the session schedule available on the website for important information such as the dates of the Sacraments and days in which we won't have classes.

Tuition for the program is \$185.00 per year, per child:

* A late registration fee (\$200) will come into effect after the first day of classes.

- For those children who will receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation, there will be an additional \$50.00 fee to cover costs for the retreats and preparations. This additional fee will be collected in January 2025.

Books will be included in the tuition and are for the students to keep. If the teacher (catechist) permits students to take books home, there will be a replacement fee if the book(s) are lost, damaged or stolen.

For more information, please contact Br. Iñigo Johnpaul, SCTJM or Cristina Roriguez at catechesis@scsmiami.org.

Specific Requirements (Things to Know and Remember)

- Catechists are volunteers that give of their time generously and lovingly. **They cannot be disrespected in any way** by either students or parents.
 - If a student grievously misbehaves while on church grounds, parents / emergency contact will be called.
- All communication between parents and the Catechesis program will be done through Br. Iñigo Johnpaul, Elizabeth Ponte, or Cristina Rodriguez.
 - Parents should not contact the catechists directly but rather should contact Br. Iñigo with any questions or concerns.
- Remember to keep the office notified of any changes to your address or contact information (phone numbers and emails.)
 - This is critical for us to keep you informed of any changes to the schedule or other important events.
- Attendance is mandatory.
 - **If a student is absent, the parent will be responsible to ensure that the class is made up according to the particular instructions given.** If the student has more than 5 unexcused absences in the year, they may be asked to repeat the level. **To have an absence excused, please complete the online form available on the website.**
- Class time is very limited, and students must arrive on time.
 - There is much to cover, and every minute of class is important. Tardiness is disruptive to the whole class and cannot occur. A student is officially tardy if they arrive 5 minutes after the assigned class time.
 - Days tardy count as absences once they accumulate.
 - **Every three tardy days will be considered as one day absent.**
- The following documents are required to be submitted before the first day of classes:
 - Copy of Birth certificate.
 - Copy of Baptism certificate (if they have already been Baptized).
 - Copy of First Communion certificate (if already received).
- Parents must attend the parent meetings that we will have during the year. (See calendar for specific dates.)
 - In the case that for a serious reason, the parent cannot attend the meeting, they must notify the Catechesis office through email to catechesis@scsmiami.org. In addition, somebody must be present to collect the information in your place.

- Students will only be able to be picked up by those people specified in the registration form, in the pickup section. If the person is not included in the form, they will not be able to pick up your child. This is for the security of your children.
- Your children will attend mass and enter the sanctuary and other holy spaces from time to time. The following dress code must be followed:
 - No jeans that have torn holes exposing the legs.
 - Girls will not wear short shorts, short skirts, spaghetti straps or strapless blouses or dresses. Stomach should not be visible.
 - Boys will not wear low, baggy shorts or pants, or tank tops.
- Students should bring:
 - A backpack or other carrying case for their supplies.
 - A pencil pouch with pens and pencils.
 - A notebook.
 - Their textbook.
- Students should not bring:
 - Toys, electronic games, or iPads. If they are found, they will be removed and returned after the completion of the class. Cellphones are not to be used during class time. If they are, they will be confiscated.

Mass Attendance

The primary purpose of religious education is to transmit the faith to the next generation of Catholic men and women. This education prepares students to receive the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. This initiation into the Sacramental Life is a great gift from you parents, and from the Church, who seeks to bless your family with God's sacramental grace.

Religious education does not replace, but leads us to, the Sacrament of the Eucharist – the source and summit of our faith. For this reason:

Students must attend Mass every weekend.

- If you attend Mass at Saint Catherine of Siena, make sure to sign the attendance roll in the plaza at the end of Mass.
- If you attend Mass at another church, make sure to bring a bulletin from that church with the signature of the Celebrant, Con-celebrant or assisting Deacon on the front cover. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON THE COVER AS WELL.

Virtus

All children receiving Religious Education in the Archdiocese of Miami are required to attend age appropriate lessons on safety. This class will be held on:

- **Monday, October 22, 2024**, for those attending classes on Monday.
- **Wednesday, October 24, 2024**, for those attending classes on Wednesdays.

The following is a brief program overview:

As caring adults, we have the great responsibility of ensuring the safety of children and youth. The prevention of child sexual abuse requires more than adult awareness, education, and training about the nature and scope of the problem. We must also give children and youth the tools they need to help us keep them safe by educating them regarding boundaries, safe and unsafe behaviors, and healthy relationships.

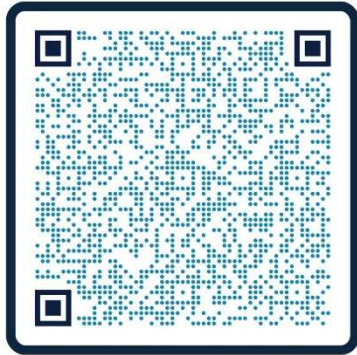
Research shows that child sexual abuse prevention is most effective when there is a partnership between parents and lesson Leaders, when material is reiterated in a school setting, and when the training is interactive, and activity based. Research based and evidence informed, the *Empowering God's Children*® is an age-appropriate comprehensive program through which Lesson Leaders (teachers, catechists, youth ministers, etc.) and parents' partner to give children and youth the tools they need to protect themselves and know what to do if someone tries to violate their boundaries.

However, as parents, you are the primary educators of your children/youth, and you can "opt" your child/youth out of the formal in-program safety lesson. This means that your child will **only** receive safe-environment lesson information from your own commitment to deliver them at home and will not have any additional learning from Saint Catherine of Siena.

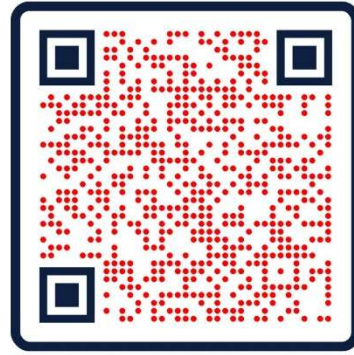
To receive an Opt-Out Form, please email catechesis@scsmiami.org.

Important Links

Please visit: <https://scsmiami.org/catechesis-documents/> to find all the important forms and most updated documents. You may also find some links below:



ABSENCE EXCUSE FORM



WHATSAPP MONDAY



**WHATSAPP WEDNESDAY
SESSION 1**



**WHATSAPP WEDNESDAY
SESSION 2**

Basic Prayers

Please review these prayers with your kids on a regular basis. They must know them in order to receive their sacraments. They may know them in either English or Spanish.

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

Señal de la Cruz

En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo. Amen.

Padre nuestro

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga a nosotros tu Reino; hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del mal. Amén.

Ave María

Dios te salve, María, llena eres de gracia, el Señor es contigo; bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús. Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros, pecadores, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte.

Gloria

Gloria al Padre, y al Hijo, y al Espíritu Santo. Como era en un principio, ahora y siempre, y por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Acto de Contrición

Señor mío Jesucristo, Dios y Hombre verdadero, Creador, Padre y Redentor mío; por ser vos quien sois, bondad infinita, y porque os amo sobre todas las cosas, me pesa de todo corazón haberos ofendido; también me pesa porque podéis castigarme con las penas del infierno. Ayudado de vuestra divina gracia, propongo firmemente nunca más pecar, confesarme y cumplir la penitencia que me fuere impuesta. Amén.