

St. John  
the  
Evangelist  
Family Catechesis



## A FAMILY OF FAITH

VERSE OF THE MONTH: I GIVE YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT: LOVE ONE ANOTHER.  
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU ALSO SHOULD LOVE ANOTHER. THIS IS HOW ALL  
WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

JOHN 13:34-35

### FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT

This month instead of a community meeting we are putting our faith in action through a family service projects.

The lesson is from Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus said, "whatever you do (or don't do) for the least of these, you do (or don't do) for me."

- We are learning to love God through loving other people.
- All people are made in the image and likeness of God.
- All people have a soul and God wants to be in relationship with us now and for eternity.
- We love God and grow in relationship with Him by learning to see and love Him in others, especially the lonely, the hungry, all those in need.

Families are invited to work together.

Project ideas:

- Helping elderly, lonely or sick neighbor or loved one by cooking a meal, cleaning, visiting
- Sending cards to assisted living/nursing home if visiting is not allowed
- Collecting food or volunteer for Foodbank
- Cleaning out your closets and toys to donate good items to Catholic Charities/Family Shelter
- Making/distributing meals for [SHIP](#) in Somerville
- Collect items for [Crisis pregnancy center](#)
- Donating time to clean/organize areas of the church

These are only a few ideas

MARCH LESSONS

**LESSON 10: The New Commandments and the works of Mercy**

- Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 10: Parent’s Guide: Page 193-194
- Christ gave us the New Commandment, which He declares is the surest sign that we are His disciples.
- The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy help us respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters

**Lesson 11 :The First through the Fourth Beatitudes:**

- Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 11: Parent’s Guide: 209
- God placed the desire for happiness in each of our hearts.
- In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave us the Beatitudes to show us what it means to be happy.

**Record your family service project.** Add pictures if possible and personal reflections about the project

**Saint of the Month** - SAINT Katharine Drexel p. 207

**LENT**

*Prayer xx Fasting xx Almsgiving*

Idea’s to consider:

- Friday Stations of the cross
- Adoration
- Penance Service March 20th
- Bible in a Year Podcast
- Watch The Chosen
- Prayer Apps – Hallow , Amen
- Weekly Stations of the Cross
- Family Service project for less fortunate
- Daily Lenten reflection from:
- **15 minute challenge** – did you know taking 15 minutes a day to be with God is merely 1% of your day? Consider offering God 15 minutes of your time each day to grow closer to Him this Lent through scripture, silence, adoration, rosary, or just reading daily from your Family of Faith books.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- 3/3 11:30AM to 1PM Confirmation class  
10:30AM Youth Mass
- 3/4 6:30 pm to 8 pm Parent meeting  
1st Holy Communion Class  
7th Grade class
- 3/5 6:30PM to 8PM Parent meeting  
1st Holy Communion Class  
7th Grade class
- 3/10 Confirmation Candidate Retreat
- 3/17 11:30AM to 1PM Confirmation class
- 3/24 Palm Sunday  
Family Service Project Day  
No meeting
- 28 Holy Thursday Day
- 29 Good Friday
- 30 Holy Saturday
- 31 Easter