# Religious Education ELEMENTARY K-5 Calendar COME TO THE TABLE 2021-2022

## Gathering at the Table

9/8/21 Wednesday 9/12/21 Sunday

#### The Communion of Saints

10/10/21 Sunday 10/13/21 Wednesday

## Forgiven & Invited to the Table

11/10/21 Wednesday 11/14/21 Sunday

#### Feasts of the Catholic Church Year (no gatherings)

12/8/21 Wednesday, Feast of the Immaculate

Conception Mass (HDOO)

12/12/21 Sunday, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

## Feed Us, Holy Spirit

1/9/22 Sunday 1/12/22 Wednesday

## For This Meal (and other things) We Pray

2/9/22 Wednesday 2/13/22 Sunday

## Fasting During This Lenten Season

3/9/22 Wednesday 3/12/22 Sunday

## Coming Together to the Table of the Lord

4/6/22 Wednesday 4/10/22 Sunday

#### Mary Nourishes Us As She Nourished Jesus

5/4/22 Wednesday, 6:30 pm Mass and May Crowning



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#### **Session Times**

Wednesdays 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Sundays 11:45 am to 1:15 pm

#### **Meals Provided**

A meal for your family will be provided at each gathering except the May 4th Mass and May Crowning

## **Session Location**

Sept & Oct sessions will be located in the rear parking lot. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for picnic style meal. Future sessions are planned for the Social Hall.

## **Family Gathering**

The program is designed for families (parents and their children K-5). However, your entire family is invited to attend and enjoy the meal and fellowship each week

#### **Breakout Sessions**

Children will enjoy peer-to-peer experiences in age-appropriate settings while parents are offered a little more "meaty" lesson

## **Weekly Email Support**

Families will receive weekly emails to help support their journey in sharing the Catholic faith with their children, including FORMED.org recommendations

## Come to the Table

Food and Faith are very much at the core of the social, traditional and spiritual aspects of our Catholic faith. The Eucharist is the Church's central act of worship, where we gather around the table of the Lord. As a people created to seek communion with God and with others, we often experience that communion while gathered around the table—both the table of the Eucharist at Mass and the family dinner table at home.

This school year, we invite you and your family to the table—the table that is Elementary Religious Education. At the table, we pray you experience communion with our family that strengthens your relationship with the Church and the Lord, empowers you to share the Catholic faith with your young children, and brings you home to the communion that is the Eucharist.

Welcome to the table!		

As we prepare to gather monthly for a meal and a lesson, we are staying abreast of the fluid situation caused by the pandemic and are making adjustments as necessary in hopes of continuing our program both in person and with meals. God has blessed us with parishioner and volunteer Michelle Findlay, who will help coordinate the dining service component of our monthly family gatherings to be compliant with the most current safe food handling guidelines as they relate to both kitchen safety and Covid. Michelle is a Registered Dietitian with 30 years of food service management experience.

Our first safety precautions include moving our sessions outside for September and October, for a picnic-style meal and lesson. Instead of the hot meals originally envisioned (spaghetti dinners and taco bars), initially we will serve food that can be individually packaged and served. As we begin our programs, we will also require masking when indoors. We will continue to consider the recommendations of various local authorities regarding maintaining the health of our children and will communicate with our families as changes occur.

A program such as this will require lots of hands-on-board for set-up, clean-up, kitchen help, student interaction during breakout sessions, and more. In addition, we will periodically be requesting from our parishioners donations of food, supplies or funds to bring our families quality meals on a monthly basis. If you would like to help with either donations or time, please contact Lori Tajchman.

Again, we want to welcome our young families to the table. We invite you to reach out with questions about our program as we move forward trusting God to make a way for communion in our RE program.