

Children's Ministry Substitute Catechist Volunteer Description

At St. Mary of Lourdes, we seek to have 2 adult catechists for each of our grade levels. Within our PreK/Kindergarten program, we utilize a team approach with a minimum of 1 catechist to every 5 children. This means that at times we are in need of substitute catechists when a catechist is unavailable or sick.

Gifts & Qualifications of a Substitute Catechist

- Have a desire to share their faith with others.
- Be an active, practicing Catholic in good standing.
- Enjoys working with children and youth.
- Participates regularly in the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confession.
- Be willing to be called at the last minute
- All who serve as catechists and those involved within any catechetical program within the Diocese of Peoria will witness by their public behavior, actions, and words a life consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Expectations

- Create a welcoming, comfortable, and safe environment for learning and faith formation.
- Teach or assist the lead catechist in teaching the students our Catholic doctrine and our faith traditions using the lesson materials provided.

Time Required

- 8:45/8:50 – 10:15am Sunday mornings, Late August – May;
- Additional opportunities for involvement are available according to your schedule and interest;

Training Provided

- Resources provided from the Dir. of Faith Formation via emails or web links.
- Mentoring by seasoned catechists, if desired.

Check-In & Evaluation

- Regular check-ins will occur throughout the catechetical year through emails and/or one-on-one conversations after CCD, on the phone or at a scheduled time.
- End-of-the year feedback form.

Responsible to: Director of Children's Faith Formation