



## **Saint Mary Family Religious Education Program (FREP)** 2018-2019

Saint Mary Religious Education will be moving to a Family Religious Education Program starting in September 2018. This change will allow parents and students to encounter God and learn more about Him together. The following document provides a basic overview of the new program, which should be engaging, fulfilling, and fun for all!

### **What is FREP?**

FREP is a Religious Education program that places parents as the primary catechist by having them work with their children 30 minutes a week for three weeks in a row. Parents and children use the provided lesson plan and their child's textbook to help guide them through their lessons. At the end of three weeks, the entire family meets at church for food, fellowship, and a group lesson taught by catechists to review what they have learned and be renewed for the upcoming month.

### **When is FREP?**

Like previous RE programs, FREP runs from September through April on the fourth Sunday of the month. Families arrive at 9:00a.m. for breakfast, break for class at 9:45a.m., and then attend the 11:30a.m. mass together as a FREP community.

### **Where is FREP?**

The breakfast and adult catechism classes are held in the parish multi-use room. The children will break into grade level classes at 9:45a.m. and go to the school's grade level classrooms, just like with our current RE program.

### **Does FREP have Catechists?**

Yes! Each student will be separated into a grade level class, just like in our old RE program. Your child will have a catechist who follows his or her progress and see your child in the face-to-face classroom once a month at FREP class. As a parent, you will have a catechist work with you on your class, as well. Your teacher at FREP class will change depending on the topic being discussed.

### **How do I join FREP?**

You register for FREP just like you have registered for our RE program in the past.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

God bless you and your family this summer!

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