



Saint Thomas More Catholic Church
2023-2024 Religious Formation K-5 (RF K-5) Schedule
 (rev. 9/15/23)



Definition of each “event”:

RF K-5 Gathering: Youth attend with their individual grade level peers for Catechesis and faith sharing. Parents do not attend.

Sunday Family Activity: Youth attend the event with their family. A mixture of games, crafts, relays, and challenges for the entire family to engage in. Stay for 5 minutes or the entire 60 minutes. Do one activity or all. Get to know the other STM families in a relaxed and playful environment.

2nd Grade parent/youth Sacramental Preparation: At least one parent attends the gathering along with their youth to discover the gift God gives each of us through the Sacraments.

Special Service Activities: As the Church, we are called to love our neighbors. One way we can show that love is by using our gifts to provide service and charity for others. Throughout the RF K-5 Ministry program, the youth will have opportunities to live out that call of mission.

Empowering God’s Children Course: A safety awareness course promoted by the Diocese of Richmond. Trish Pabis will present this course once a year for each grade. It is an optional course; parents can have their children “opt out.” A permission slip and an information sheet will be provided a month prior to the course.

Date	Event	Time / Location
Sun., August 20	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., August 27	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., September 3	Sunday Family Activity	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., September 10	RF K-5 Gathering 2nd Grade parent/youth Sacramental Preparation	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., September 17	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., September 24	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms

Sun., October 1	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., October 8	RF K-5 Gathering 2nd Grade parent/youth Sacramental Preparation	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., October 15	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., October 22	Sunday Family Activity	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., October 29	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms
5 th Grade Lit Min Apprenticeship Weekend	RF K-5 Gathering for 3 rd and 5 th graders 10:45 Lessons and Carols Practice (all grade levels) Gr. K-2 Empowering God's Children Course	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Service Activity: 5 th gr	RF K-5 Gathering 2nd Grade parent/youth Sacramental Preparation	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., November 12	RF K-5 Gathering for K-2 nd graders 10:45: Lessons and Carols Practice (all grade levels) Gr. 3-5 Empowering God's Children Course	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., November 19	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., November 26	Sunday Family Activity	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Service Activity: 4 th gr 4 th Grade Lit Min Apprenticeship Weekend	10:45: Lessons and Carols Practice (all grade levels)	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., December 3	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms

Lessons and Carols 5 pm Sun., December 10	RF K-5 Gathering 2nd Grade parent/youth Sacramental Preparation	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., December 17	Sunday Family Activity	10 am / Individual Classrooms
CHRISTMAS EVE!! Sun., December 24	No RF K-5 community events at church. Enjoy the day with family.	
Sun., December 31	Sunday Family Activity	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., January 7	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., January 14	Sunday Family Activity	10 am / Nave
Sun., January 21	RF K-5 Gathering 2nd Grade parent/youth Sacramental Preparation	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., January 28	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms
3rd Grade Lit Min Apprenticeship Weekend Sun., February 4	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., February 11	RF K-5 Gathering 2nd Grade parent/youth Sacramental Preparation	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., February 18	Sunday Family Activity	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., February 25	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms
2nd Grade Lit Min Apprenticeship Weekend Sun., March 3	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms

Sun., March 10	RF K-5 Gathering 2nd Grade parent/youth Sacramental Preparation	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Service Activity: All grades		
Sun., March 17	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., March 24	Sunday Family Activity	10 am / Individual Classrooms
EASTER SUNDAY! Sun., March 31	<i>NO RF K-5</i> EASTER EGG HUNT!!	After the 8:30 am Mass and 11:15 am Mass in open field near play area
1st Grade Lit Min Apprenticeship Weekend		
Sun., April 7	Sunday Family Activity	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., April 14	RF K-5 Gathering 2nd Grade parent/youth Sacramental Preparation	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., April 21	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun., April 28	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Kindergarten Lit Min Apprenticeship Weekend	<i>LAST DAY of INDIVIDUAL GRADE LEVEL GATHERINGS</i>	
Sun., May 5	RF K-5 Gathering	10 am / Individual Classrooms
Sun. May 12	Sunday Summer Family Activity Every Sunday from May 12 through mid to late August 2024	10 am / Individual Classrooms