

## St. Matthew Sunday @Home #2

### Preschool and Kindergarten

October 18, 2020



This year our program is running a bit differently. We have decided to postpone our in person classes for our Sunday Preschool & Kindergarten classes. This decision wasn't an easy one to make. We decided it would be too hard to maintain social distancing when we arrived, dismissed and while in the classrooms. This year, we have decided to provide weekly family newsletters to our preschool / KN community with attached items you can print off at home and do with your children.

When we would meet in person, we would follow the Pflaum Seeds (preschool ) or Promise ( KN) program. As a family, you are welcome to order these lessons for your own family if you chose. The materials I will be adding to our weekly emails will be additional activities to enhance the Gospel or liturgical season. These additional materials will be available to print off at home off of the link provided each week.

If you would like to order the material directly from the publisher, you can access those in the links below. Again, this is NOT at all required or necessary, I wanted to offer this to you as many of our past families are familiar with the Pflaum program. Currently, the church will not be ordering these materials to have on hand while our program is suspended.

*Seeds materials for our P3 & P4 students can be found [here](#)*

*Promise materials for our Kindergarten students can be found [here](#)*

I know everyone is trying to find a new norm and comfort level as we navigate this pandemic as parents, educators and humans! I hope the activities that are provided on line to you each week provide a bit of fun and family time for you.

*Feel free to reach out to me at anytime if you have questions. ~ Lisa Tavares*

Don't forget to access our web site at [www.stmatthewcatholic.org](http://www.stmatthewcatholic.org) to see links to the activities.

-We have our social media pages on Facebook or Instagram. Search for StMatthew\_FaithFamily

- You can also follow us on YouTube for our Daily and Sunday Masses

- There are some wonderful resources and Catholic blogs where you can find fun activities or additional resources for your family. One of my favorites is : The [Catholic Toolbox.com](http://CatholicToolbox.com) you can find their link here:

**Prayers:** Our favorite prayer to do each week is the Sign of the Cross and The Our Father. We would sing our prayer to the Our Father song off of the Brother Francis CD.

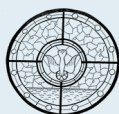
[Brother Francis Our Father song](#)

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Sunday Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21  
29th Sunday in Ordinary time  
*The Question about Paying Taxes.*

Sometimes, it is hard to follow the rules and laws, but God wants us to be our best selves. One of the ways we can be our best self is to share.

#### **Catholic Kids Homilies**

This resource can be shared with your children. Each week the weekly readings and Gospel is shared in an animated video. They also provide a kid friendly homily. You can access this page by clicking here [Catholic Kids Homilies](#)

If we were in session, our theme this week would be **Sharing**

Community Activity: Rainbow Fish activity. Many of your children know this story from your homes or their preschools. It is a wonderful story about sharing and being kind to others. If you have this story at home, take the time to read it one day this week. The activity below can be printed off. The children can color their fish and with your help glue a piece of albumin foil to the fish. The one shiny scale represents how the Rainbow Fish was left with many friends after he shared a part of himself.



### **Live It: Choices.**

God gave us the Commandments, and Jesus gave us the Great Commandment to help guide our choices and remind us that everyone is worthy of honor and respect. At your next family meal, give every family member slips of paper – each person writes “I love you because...” for each of the other family members. Place the papers under the family member’s pillow for them to read before going to sleep!