

Learning Goals: Grades 1-2

These goals are based upon the Archdiocesan Religion Standards for Catholic Education and provide an overview of what the Faith Formation team at St. Therese is striving to teach your youth about our Catholic faith prior to completing Grade 2.

Sacraments

- Identify the 7 Sacraments
- Jesus gave us the sacraments as a way to celebrate and remember God's love for us, and through which Jesus becomes truly present.

Mass/Holy Eucharist/Liturgy

- We remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and receive His Body and Blood when we receive the Holy Eucharist.
- We read from the Bible at Eucharist (Mass).
- Experience the Sacrament of the Eucharist as an action in which we give thanks and praise, receive Jesus, remember His life, death and resurrection and are sent to be Christ to others.
- Reflect on the experience of Sunday Eucharist (Mass) (what you see/hear/images/smell/what touched you)
- Identify the two parts of the Eucharist (Mass): Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist
- Show reverence while being in Church.
- Relate the Sunday Scripture readings to daily life.
- Perceive the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy as central to the life of the church.
- Relate how the Sunday Eucharist (Mass) asks us to help others.
- Actively participate in various liturgical celebrations (e.g. Praying with the community (assembly), singing, choir, gift bearers).
- Identify the roles of priest, deacon, choir, lectors, and the community (assembly) in our Eucharistic Celebration.
- Relate how the Sunday Eucharist (Mass) asks us to help others.
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Reconciliation/Morality

- Explain and understand the purpose of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and different ways to celebrate it.
- Acknowledge that having a change of heart and actions often takes time.
- Distinguish between accidents, mistakes and sin.
- Explain the difference between accidents, mistakes, choices and sin.
- Internalize God's unconditional love and mercy (e.g. story of the Good Shepherd)
- Relate the concepts of sin, God's forgiveness and mercy and how sin hurts us, others, and our relationship with God.
- Practice simple forms of guided reflection as a tool for understanding how to make informed moral decisions.
- Pray for God's help in knowing right from wrong.
- Demonstrate ways to live the Great Commandment.
- Know that the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes are a guide for moral living.
- Show respect for those in authority.
- Understand that actions affect others.

Baptism

- Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we become members of the Catholic Church, are consecrated to God, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Through Baptism we are God's special children and a member of the Christian Community.
- Retell the story of their baptism and name ways to live as a member of Christ's body.
- Identify how members of the parish are living their Baptismal call.
- Recognize that the "People of God" are the Church.
- Know that because of Baptism, we are Christ's disciples.

Trinity

- God is Trinity: One God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God

- God is the Creator of all things.
- Grace is God's life in us.
- Demonstrate a sense of wonder and curiosity into their relationship with God.
- Associate trust in God with their own well-being and happiness.

Jesus

- Jesus is both truly God and truly man.
- Know that Jesus lived as a member of a human family.
- Jesus came to save all people.
- Identify as a disciple of Christ and a member of Christ's Body, the church.

Holy Spirit

- God is Trinity: One God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Bible/Scripture

- The bible is a special book of God's Word.
- Demonstrate how we show respect for the Bible.
- We read from the Bible at Eucharist (Mass).
- Psalms are a book of the Old Testament and are prayed at Eucharist.
- Demonstrate how the Bible is divided into two main sections: Old and New Testament.
- Give examples of how Bible stories tell us about God's love for us.
- Recall and tell the story of the Last Supper.
- Relate the Sunday Scripture readings to daily life.
- Translate Psalm 23, the Good Shepherd
- Recall the story of Pentecost.
- Share favorite Bible stories with others.
- Know that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were Jewish.

Holy People/Saints

- Angels are special messengers of God.
- Name 3 holy men or women who believed in God.
- Name 3 holy men or women who lived at the time of Jesus and those living now who follow Jesus' teachings.
- Explain the roles of family, laity, deacon, priest, bishop and pope as leaders in our church.
- Recognize the saints as holy people.
- Identify all the followers of Jesus as our brothers and sisters.

Prayer

- Catholics praise God in a special morning prayer and pray in thanksgiving in the evening. Bedtime is a time to pray trusting in God's care while we sleep.
- Demonstrate, in the context of prayer, the gestures related to Liturgy of the Hours: sign of the cross; bowing
- Pray in thanksgiving for the gift of life.
- Understand that family is the primary setting for learning how to pray.
- Formulate spontaneous prayers
- Recite: Sign of the Cross; Angel of God; Hail Mary; Glory Be; Prayer Before Meals; Act of Contrition.
- Know that the Our Father is a Christian prayer.
- Identify Guided Meditation as a form of prayer.
- Meet, listen to and respond to God through Guided Meditation using Gospel stories of Jesus.
- Participate in breathing and relaxing exercises as ways to enter prayer.
- Formulate prayers of petition and intercession.
- Participate in prayers of petition and intercession with family, classmates and small faith sharing groups.
- Participate in a blessing led by someone else.
- Give and receive daily blessings.
- Pray for the unity of all the Baptized.
- Experience various celebrations of prayer and identify the leader.
- Practice simple forms of guided reflection as a tool for understanding how to make informed moral decisions.

- Pray for God's help in knowing right from wrong.
- Develop a personal relationship with Jesus.

► *See Learn/Memorize/Recognize section for a complete listing of prayers that are to be learned.*

Catholic Social Teaching/Service

- God is the Creator of all things.
- Life is our greatest gift from God.
- Respect that each person is created in God's image and likeness.
- Recognize and appreciate God's presence in all of creation.
- Show respect for all of creation.
- Understand the actions affect others
- Demonstrate respect for all living things.
- Acknowledge that the body is sacred because each person is made in God's image.
- Show respect and responsibility for all life.
- Pray in thanksgiving for the gift of life.
- Understand our responsibility to care for ourselves, others and the environment.
- Relate how the Sunday Eucharist (Mass) asks us to help others.
- Explore ways to share one's gifts.
- Take actions that show love for God's creation.
- Name ways to practice peace making.
- Identify different service ministries in the parish.
- Tell how to imitate Jesus by welcoming others, sharing with those in need, and forgiving.
- Know that all major religions have "holy spaces" like a church.
- Give examples of how we respect each other.
- Know the Great Commandment is one of our guides for living.
- Know and practice the Golden Rule.
- Experience family life as the domestic church.
- Understand the role and authority of adults within the family and acknowledge the roles and responsibilities of children within the family structure.
- Participate in works of charity with family or class.
- Take actions that show love for God's creation.
- Demonstrate respect for persons of other religions.
- Recognize ways to volunteer at your parish/school.

Evangelization

- Give examples of how we live a Christian life.
- Relate the Sunday Scripture readings to daily life.
- Develop relationship beyond family or class in which we are able to share faith.
- Identify oneself as Catholic.
- Name ways to live as a member of Christ's Body.
- Plan ways to share our faith with others.
- Appreciate that many diverse cultures make up the Catholic Church.
- Apply knowledge of the faith to daily life.

Learn/Memorize/Recognize

- Ten Commandments
- Great Commandment
- Golden Rule
- Recognize the Beatitudes
- Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Seven Sacraments
- Explain the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation
- Identify the different parts of the church (baptismal font, altar, etc.)
- Seasons of the liturgical year: Advent; Christmas; Lent; Easter; Pentecost; Ordinary Time.
- Sign of the Cross
- Angel of God
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be
- Prayer Before Meals
- Act of Contrition