

ST JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

GRADE LEVEL CURRICULUM FOR CATECHETICAL PREPARATION

Grade level curriculum guidelines for PSR are listed below. Each grade builds on the prior grade; students are expected to master/know the items listed prior to advancing to the next level grade.

PSR Curriculum Guidelines

Kindergarten	Know that God is the Creator of all things, be able to make the Sign of the Cross and learn to genuflect. Know the prayer before meals (grace). Understand the basic concepts of forgiveness and celebration of the Mass.
1st Grade	Know the Glory Be, Our Father and Hail Mary, Guardian Angel prayer. Have a beginning knowledge of the parts of the Mass, and how and when to bow and genuflect. Participate in the Rosary.
2nd Grade	Know the Act of Contrition. Receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Participate in the Rosary.
3rd Grade	Know the Seven Sacraments, the Ten Commandments, understand and pray the Rosary. Learn the Precepts of the Catholic Church and how they apply to them.
4th Grade	Know the Apostles Creed, the Precepts of the Catholic Church and Holy Days of Obligation (what they mean to them).
5th Grade	Know the Nicene Creed, learn the Corporal/Spiritual Works of Mercy and how to apply them.
6th Grade	Know the Beatitudes. Learn the Theological and Cardinal Virtues and how they apply to them. Learn the mysteries of the Rosary.
7th/8th Grade	Learn the Gospels and books of the Old and New Testament. Learn the Duties of a Catholic Christian and how to apply to their lives. On Confirmation years: Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Preparation includes: Knowledge of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit; Regular Mass and class Attendance; Attendance at the Triduum Masses; Attendance at a retreat. Performing Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy