

God's Greatest Gift

Dear parents,

I hope you had a chance to visit with your children about how their first class on Wednesday went. We hope these newsletters will prompt faith-filled conversations with you family. We are now in the second week of classes, and that means more content to talk to your children about. When you come to pick your children up from class be sure to look at our Faith Formation bulletin board in the hallway. I have added the information about the Women's Conference and the Men's Conference. If you have any children in grades 11 and 12, please share with them information about Teens Encounter Christ. Information can be found on our website.



1st Grade

Scripture: Romans 8:35, 37–39

1. We are made in the image and likeness of God.
2. To identify that nothing can separate us from God's love
3. to explain that Jesus shows us God's love
4. to name how we celebrate God's love as a parish community

Study Questions:

1. What did you learn about creation?
2. Where do you see God in nature?
3. How is God our creator?

2nd Grade

Matthew 3:13-17

Core Teachings from the Chapter

- 1) to identify sacraments as meetings with Jesus.
- 2) to state that the Sacrament of Baptism makes us children of God and Christians.
- 3) to explain that in Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we are promised eternal life.

Family Prayers:

Why is a Sacrament a meeting with Jesus?

What happens at Baptism?

What are we promised at Baptism?

3rd Grade

Scripture – 1 Peter 2: 4-10

Core Teachings of the Chapter

1. Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith.
2. We become a priestly people through our Baptism.
3. The Sacrament of Holy Orders is one way to live in service to God's People.

Family Prayers:

What is something you can give up this week in order to make a sacrifice for God?

Discuss Holy Orders: Could you see yourself as a priest some day?

How can you live out being a priest? (By your Baptism you are already a priest, remember there is the common priesthood (all the Baptised), Ministerial Priesthood (The priesthood of those we see at Mass who are consecrating the Eucharist, Holy Orders), and Jesus Christ, the High Priest)

Pray the Our Father together (Closing Prayer of the Week and should be known by all students by the end of the year)

5th Grade

Scripture: Exodus 14:1-31

Core Teachings of the Chapter:

1. Baptismal Promises
2. The Easter Vigil
3. The sraelites crossing the Red Sea

Family Prayers:

1. Discuss the “Prince of Egypt” video with your child, they watched it in class.
2. Renew your Baptismal Promises as a family
3. Talk about what your favorite part of the Easter Vigil is and why?
4. How can you family be “on mission” for Christ? Discuss what that might mean? (answer: service to others) Review with your child how their mission challenges are going. They get a new mission each week.

6/7th Grade

Scripture: Ex 3:14; Jn 9:58, John 5: 19-20, 21; 14: 6-7; 15:1; 15:5; Mt 6:9-13

Core Teachings of the Chapter:

1. The Holy Trinity
2. God, the Father
3. Jesus Christ tells us about the Father

Family Prayers:

How has the image of God changed after learning about the Trinity especially the Father through the Son?

8th Grade

Ask your child what the weekly message was especially the saint of the week. Also, remind them of their weekly challenge.. They also could log in and review the materials later in the week if they wish and show you what they learned in class. These are great discussions to have the year before they get Confirmed.