

God's Greatest Gift

Dear parents,

Praise God that the election is over and now we can get a break from all those political advertisements. Let us continue to pray for our elected officials. Let us pray for the last few months of the current Congress, and begin praying for the newly elected officials that will be sworn into office beginning in January. On to Faith Formation, please continue to have conversations regarding the chapters every week, and preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation next week. All Families are welcome to attend, but First Reconciliation candidates will have first opportunity to receive the Sacraments.

Thanks,

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1st Grade

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-1

1. Because God has given us so many gifts, we should tell him thanks.
2. God gave us his Son, Jesus, to help us live forever in Heaven.
3. We can give thanks to God many times throughout the day.
4. The Mass is a time when we can especially say thanks to God for Jesus.
5. God made you and knows everything about you before you even ask, but God wants you to ask and share with him so that you can feel close to him.
6. When we talk to God, we can use words that we say out loud, or we can talk to God in our mind.
7. We do not need to be in a special place to pray or talk to God; we can pray anywhere and in any way.

Study Questions:

1. Why should we give thanks to God?
2. Why is Mass important?
3. Where in our house can we pray as a family?

2nd Grade

Scripture: Matthew 19:13–15

Core Teachings from the Chapter

1. Jesus taught that the Kingdom of Heaven is a community of peace, mercy, and love.
2. The Kingdom of Heaven begins here. We do not have to wait until we get to Heaven. We can be peaceful, merciful, and loving right now!
3. We become part of the Kingdom of Heaven by believing in Jesus, being baptized, and living our lives like Jesus.
4. Jesus wants us to know that all people who do their best to love God, themselves, and others are welcome in the Kingdom of Heaven. No matter what our age, we can all be part of the Kingdom of Heaven right now.

Family Prayers:

The Kingdom of God is at hand. Ask your child what game they played this past week. The children played a hot/cold game where we hid a heart that represented the Kingdom of God, and the students would say hot or cold when the student looking for it would get closer or farther away respectfully. We are all growing closer to the Kingdom of God when we seek to know God at a closer and deeper level.

3rd Grade

Scripture – Matthew 16: 13-20

Core Teachings of the Chapter

1. Jesus made Peter the first Pope.
2. The Pope teaches the Church to follow Jesus.
3. We belong to the Church.

Family Discussion Questions:

Who is the current Pope?

Who was the first Pope?

Can you name any Saints that have been previous popes?

5th Grade

Scripture: Acts 1:4-5

Core Teachings of the Chapter:

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Family Prayers:

1. How has the Holy Spirit worked in your life, and how can you make sure the Fruits of the Holy Spirit are shown through out your life?

6/7th Grade

Scripture: Romans 7: 15-25

Core Teachings of the Chapter:

1. Body and Soul
2. Original Sin
3. Coming from God, Heading toward God

Family Prayers:

What a fitting lesson the students have engaged in today. Without even realizing that this lesson is going to align with All Souls' Day, I am glad that it ended up this way. The students learned about original sin and the relationship between the Body and Soul. Ask your child what he learned about this week?

8th Grade

I go into every classroom each week to just see what the students are learning during that particular session, and it is great to see students talking about their faith. As you already know each week the students get a challenge and review a certain saint, these are good ways to get students looking forward to spreading the faith by word and deed when they receive the graces at Confirmation next year. It is not too late to start having conversations with peers though. In addition to this week's challenge, I challenge all eighth graders to discuss their faith with 1. Their Godparent, 2. Two peers from school, and 3. Their grandparents; as well as the continued discussion with you, their parents. They should be on lesson 6 this week, and I would like to continue the challenge to speak with people about their faith.

Especially parents, grandparents, Godparents, and peers. I will be subbing in their classroom today.

God Bless,

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