

RELIGION

LEVEL 1

STANDARD 1: CREED - Students will demonstrate understanding of core Catholic beliefs.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Identify the Trinity by name.
2. Explain that God is our Father and Creator.
3. Be able to tell how God shows love for us.
4. Explain that Jesus is the Son of God and identify ways that He shows us how to live.
5. Explain that the Holy Spirit is our Helper and identify ways that the Spirit guides our lives.
6. Understand that Jesus gave us the Church

STANDARD 2: WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS - Students will demonstrate understanding and practice of Catholic worship and sacraments with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of Catholics.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand that the Church celebrates all year.
2. Understand that the Church celebrates sacraments.
3. Understand the Mass as Word and sacrament.
4. Celebrate Mass at least once a month.

STANDARD 3: MORALITY - Students will understand right from wrong and be able to make good moral choices in life decisions that are consistent with Church teachings and a Christian life style.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Explain the difference between right and wrong.
2. Explain why they made a particular choice and the consequences of that choice..
3. Explain the difference between a sin, an accident, and a mistake.
4. Demonstrate how to express sorrow and acceptance of responsibility.
5. Understand that God will forgive them.
6. Understand how to forgive one another.
7. Understand the two great commandments: Love God and love others as yourself.
8. Participate in character education program in the school.

STANDARD 4: SOCIAL JUSTICE - Students will demonstrate understanding of Catholic social teaching and apply these principles to social and personal situations.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Demonstrate respect for all creation.
2. Demonstrate the dignity of the human person in work and play.
3. Explain how families are a sign of God's love.
4. Explain how families teach us about Jesus.
5. Appreciate the diverse roles of members in a community.
6. Actively participate as members of a community.
7. Understand the relationship between actions and consequences.

STANDARD 5: CORE SCRIPTURE - Students will read, interpret and apply Scripture to their own daily life situation.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand the call to follow Jesus.
2. Retell stories from the Christian Scriptures (New Testament): Jesus' birth, Jesus' miracles, Jesus' death and resurrection.
3. Become familiar with some stories from Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament): Creation, Noah, David, Moses, Abraham, etc.
4. Reverence of the Bible as a special holy book, the Word of God.
5. Continue to introduce and be familiar with Scripture verses appropriate to the curriculum.

STANDARD 6: FAMILY LIFE - Students will demonstrate their understanding of Christian family life and how it is nourished and passed on.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Explain how families work, love, care, share and have fun together.
2. Understand that God makes and loves all people as they are.
3. Understand that God gave everyone life and a loving heart.
4. Understand that the body is a gift from God and should be kept healthy and safe.
5. Understand that Love grows when it is shared.
6. Understand that boys' and girls' bodies are different.
7. Understand that people learn to show love and to forgive when things go wrong.
8. Understand that people belong to many groups that are like families.
9. Understand that God wants people to care for one another.
10. Understand the needs and wants of being a family.

STANDARD 7: LITURGICAL YEAR - Students will demonstrate their understanding of the Liturgical year and how it is celebrated.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand seasons of Advent and Christmas and how they are celebrated.

2. Understand seasons of Lent, Holy Week and Easter and how they are celebrated.
3. Understand ordinary time and the liturgical colors.
4. Introduce parts of the church and liturgical vessels.

STANDARD 8: CHRISTIAN PRAYER AND PRACTICE - Students will be able to demonstrate, understand, use and identify traditional prayer forms in the Catholic tradition.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Refer to “Continuum of Prayers Taught” especially emphasizing the rosary and the stations of the cross as prayers.
2. Experience a variety of prayer forms including: silence, listening, song, gesture, spontaneous petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.

STANDARD 9: VOCABULARY - Students will be able to demonstrate understanding and use of religious vocabulary.

Refer to “Vocabulary to be Taught” and the Glossary at this level.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand that God made each of us special.
2. Understand that each one is gifted with many talents.
3. Know and understand that there are people who reach out to help others. (mothers and fathers, priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, single adults)
4. Understand that God calls each of us to love one another and care for those who need help.

STANDARD 11: SERVICE - Students will engage in service to the community (family, parish, local, national, and global) by action and reflection on our response to the Gospel call.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand their responsibility to help the members of their family.
2. Understand the importance of helping other students.
3. Understand that Jesus asks them to help others.

STANDARD 12: SAINTS – Students will explore the lives of the saints in order to expand their role models for Christian living.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Celebrate and understand feasts of Mary, especially Mary, our mother.
2. Celebrate and understand the feasts of Our Lord especially Christmas and Easter

