

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018
1st Grade

- 4:00pm Welcome (Easter coloring page and *to ensure accuracy, class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese*)
- 4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table
(use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season)
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box
- 4:10pm Read “The Tale of Three Trees” a Traditional Folktale
The book tells the Easter story from a new and unusual point of view. Three trees on a mountain dream of what they wanted to become when they grew up. One wants to be a treasure chest, another an ocean-going boat, and the third a signpost to God. Their wishes come true in a way they never expected as they grow up to be Jesus' manger, boat, and cross! Children will learn the significance of Christ's life and his atoning sacrifice on the cross.
- 4:15pm Use one of the pages from the Activity Book to review the previous weeks lesson.
- 4:20pm **Chapter #18 “Jesus Dies for Us”**
Chapter #19 “Jesus Was Raised to New Life”

During the three days, we celebrate Jesus’ dying and rising to new life. The Church’s celebration of the Triduum (*the Three Days*: the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, Christ’s passion and death on Good Friday and the triumphal Resurrection to new life at the Easter Vigil. At the Easter Vigil when Christ passed from death to life, hope and joy are restored to us. Celebrating our belief in Christ crucified, buried and risen – and thus handing on our faith in him. The Church celebrates 50 days from Easter as the Easter season; encompassing the Ascension (the return of Christ to his Father in Heaven) and Pentecost (Jesus’ post-Resurrection appearance to the Apostles).

- *We Respond* – watch “*The Beginners Bible – The Story of Easter*” DVD 30 min.

4:55pm Closing Prayer –

“We adore you, O Christ and we praise You.
Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.”

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

“What are three of the most important days in your year?”
“What are some of the ways you celebrate Easter?”