

## St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

- 4:00pm Welcome (Candle 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 Story time at the Prayer Table – a prime time to share our faith teaching children the Word of God. Read aloud the true story of God's amazing love for us in “*Catholic Book of Bible Stories*” written in reverent tone just for young children. Start at the beginning with “*God’s Wonderful Creation*” read a new story each week and use *God’s Blessing* to end the story.
- 4:15pm Review previous lesson using one of the pages from the Activity Book.
- 4:20pm **Chapter #22** “**The Holy Spirit Comes**”  
**Chapter #23** “**The Blessed Trinity**”

### **Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to his followers - he did not abandon them and he told them not to be afraid!**

On Pentecost (50 days after Easter) the Holy Spirit came as a strong wind bringing seven gifts (*wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord*) to Jesus’ followers. The Holy Spirit was here to help the disciples to be strong in faith, responsible and caring. Jesus continues to nourish us in many ways; in particular at Mass when we receive communion and when we pray we need to open our hearts to him!

*When explaining the Trinity, you can use this:*

- God the Father** helps us grow and makes us strong.
- God the Son** gives us life and energy to help and teach others.
- God the Holy Spirit** keeps us healthy and able to fight off temptation to sin.

### ***Three Candles demonstration***

*Place three unlit candles on the table. Light one of the candles. From that candle, light the other two candles. Point out that two were lighted from one light; that there are three separate flames but they are all equal to one another. Then bring the three flames together to form one flame. There are still three flames, but they are mingled together into one flame.*

- We Believe -*  
**Baptized** = New life of God’s grace in us.  
**Pentecost** = the day the Holy Spirit came to Jesus’ followers.

- We Respond –*

Cut out a white dove (serves as a gentle reminder that there is always hope and peace waiting for us) and cut out a yellow flame(s) (God’s love brings light and warmth to the world). Then glue stick them onto a **round piece of red** (a circle has no beginning or end and reminds us of the Trinity) construction paper with the cut-out Glory Be prayer glued on the back.



4:55pm Closing Prayer –

“Father in heaven,  
our minds were prepared for the coming of your kingdom,  
when you took Christ beyond our sight.  
May we follow where he has led and  
find our hope in his glory, for he is Lord forever. Amen.”

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

***“What helps you overcome fear”?***