

**St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

4:00pm Welcome (Reconciliation 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 Review previous lesson using Sharing Faith *(use chapter test in book)*

4:15pm **Reconciliation Preparation**

- *We Respond – “Jimmy and The White Lie” DVD 25 min*

Have you ever seen a lie 10 feet tall? Jimmy does. And he sees it grow bigger than that! When nine-year old Jimmy accidentally breaks cranky Mr. Carnshaw’s window, the sinful part of him takes over and out pops a little white lie and he learns the hard way that a lie can be quite difficult to live with, especially if it grows out of control. It grows larger and larger, and Jimmy can’t stop it by himself. Jimmy’s lie grows until Jimmy confronts it and asks God for guidance. A delightful imaginative program for children with an important lesson, too.

4:40pm Reconciliation Preparation with RE staff

4:55pm Closing Prayer – Prayer of Reparation

“My God, I believe, I adore, I trust and I love you.  
I beg pardon for those who do not adore, do not trust and do not love you. Amen.”

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

***“What good can I do to make up for my wrongs?  
“Is there anything for which you are waiting or longing?”  
“How will your family celebrate that Jesus was born and is our light and life?”***

## ***5 STEPS TO A GOOD CONFESSION***

- 1) Examination of Conscience** – think of and know what my sins are.
- 2) Contrition** – be sorry for my sins and having offended God.
- 3) Resolve not to sin again** – make up my mind not to sin again.
- 4) Confess sins to a Priest** – tell my sins to the Priest in Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- 5) Penance** – do the penance the Priest gives me.

## ***HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION***

1. Enter the confessional and sit down across from the priest (if going face-to-face) or kneel down in front of the screen (if going anonymous)
2. Make the Sign of The Cross (***“in the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit”***) and say **“Bless me Father for I have sinned. This is my first confession. These are my sins.”**
3. Confess (tell) your sins to the priest.
4. Listen to the priest ... *he will give you some advice on how you can be a better Catholic and open your heart to God and be the person He wants you to be.*
5. The priest will give you a penance -- *it may be a prayer or some kind of action that will help you to be more thoughtful about areas of sinfulness or failing.*
6. The priest will invite you to tell God you are sorry for your sins by saying the Act of Contrition (**“My God I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy.”**)
7. The priest will give you absolution and offer you Gods forgiveness (**“ I absolve you of your sins in the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.”**) as you bless yourself with the Sign of The Cross (**“in the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. Amen.”**). Say **“Thank You”** to the priest.
8. Leave the confessional, if necessary go to the Altar and say your penance... feeling uplifted and energized by God’s mercy and love!

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**HOW TO CONFESS YOUR SINS** – worksheet for \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents:** We visited your child in class today to check for readiness to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please look over this worksheet for information about areas where your child needs more work. Highlighted or circled areas need further practice.

<p>GENERAL COMMENTS:</p> <p>Knows how to start:</p> <p>Knows what Confession is:</p> <p>Knows what Penance is:</p> <p>Knows Act of Contrition:</p> <p>Knows what Absolution is:</p> <p>Knows how to make the Sign of the Cross:</p> <p>Knows how to end.</p>	<p>_____ Enter the confessional and sit down across from the priest and say <b>“Hello.”</b></p> <p>_____ Make the sign of the Cross and say <b>“Bless me Father, for I have sinned. This is my first confession. These are my sins:”</b> (<i>Confess or tell your sins to the priest</i>)</p> <p><i>Listen to the priest. He will give you some advice on how to be a better Catholic and open your heart to God and be the person He wants you to be.</i></p> <p><i>The priest will give you a penance – it may be a prayer or some kind of action that will help you to be more thoughtful about areas of sinfulness and failing.</i></p> <p><i>The priest will invite you to tell God that you are sorry for your sins by saying the Act of Contrition:</i></p> <p>_____ <b>“My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name my God have mercy. Amen.”</b></p> <p><i>The priest will give you absolution and offer you God’s forgiveness.</i></p> <p>_____ <b>Bless yourself with the sign of the cross</b> as the priest says: “I forgive you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”</p> <p>_____ You respond: <b>“Amen.”</b></p> <p>_____ Say <b>“Thank You”</b> to the priest and <b>leave the confessional, if necessary go to the altar to say your penance</b> before leaving the church and feeling uplifted and energized by God’s mercy and love!</p>
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